



# REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

*To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*



THE WORTHY ONE

*ADVENT 2021*

*December 5, 2021 – Second Sunday of Advent*

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## **Season of the Cross:** Purple for Advent

The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions—past, present, and future. In Advent, we hear the prophecies of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us—people who wait for the second coming. In Advent, we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away. In this way Advent highlights for us the larger story of God's redemptive plan.

## Advent Introduction

Every year, for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we observe the season of Advent. The word Advent refers to the arrival of something, or Someone, of vast importance. It is a time for both honest reflection and hopeful anticipation.

The world has changed. Much that once was has now been lost. We all feel it. The prophet Isaiah wrote to a people in exile. Yet, he dared to put God's dream for a better future into words that his people could live by. He spoke of a kingdom not of their own doing. It would be a gift. The remaking of the whole world. Brought about, not through human effort, but by God's special Representative. The One. The singular Person who would succeed in all the ways the people themselves had failed. The only One in all of heaven and earth who is worthy to make God's dream for the world a reality. He was known to Isaiah by many titles. The Child. The King. The Servant. The Messenger. We know Him by name - Jesus Christ.

This Advent, we celebrate Jesus' coming into the world to rescue us, even as we look and ache for him to come again, with the kingdom in hand, to finally set us – and the world with us – right.

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## Song of Gathering and Preparation

*We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

King of Kings

## Advent Theme: Hope

The prophet Isaiah describes the world as a cruel place. Where tyrants reign and the strong prey on the weak. Instead of living as God's faithful image-bearers, we, too often, perpetuate oppression and injustice. As it turns out, we're not very good at being in charge. But there is a One who is worthy to rule the world. A King. **The** King. His righteousness and faithfulness cause all who live under his leadership to flourish. One day soon, when His heavenly kingdom has fully broken into this world, all that has been broken by sin and death will be healed.

Our Advent theme this week is **hope**. In defiance of cynicism and despair, we light a candle to express our hope in the future kingdom of the One who will make the future God has promised a reality. Hope believes that tomorrow is a sure thing. But, for today, we "wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

## **Advent Reading:** Mark 1:1-5, 14-15

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins...Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

*We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## **Song of Advent**

*In this song of repentance we acknowledge our need of a Savior and anticipate His return.*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Colossians 1:13-14, 19-20

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins....For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## **Greeting**

*In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.*

## **Songs of Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us*

The Light Has Come  
Go Tell It On the Mountain

## **Worship Through Giving:** Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://redeemerwh.org/give)

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## Announcements & Kid's Worship Dismissal

Children through **kindergarten** are dismissed for kids' worship.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

## Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Isaiah 11:1-14; 12:1-2

## Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

## Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Is He Worthy?

## Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

**Proclamation of God's Word:** See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers  
*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. 11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. 12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. 14 But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them.

Pg. 575 (Isaiah 11:1-14 ESV)

1 You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. 2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Pg. 576 (Isaiah 12:1-2 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** Advent: The One

**Sermon Title:** The King

**Date:** December 5, 2021

## **I. THE CHARACTER OF THE KING**

*"Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins"  
(Isaiah 11:5).*

## **II. THE KINGDOM OF THE KING**

*"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6-9).*

## **III. RALLY TO THE KING!**

*"He will assemble the banished of Israel" (Isaiah 11:12)*

# ONLINE RESOURCES

## *Advent Scripture Meditations*

*Spotify: [redeemerwh.org/advent-spotify](https://redeemerwh.org/advent-spotify)*

*Apple Music: [redeemerwh.org/advent-apple](https://redeemerwh.org/advent-apple)*

## *Advent Hymns & Songs*

*Spotify: [redeemerwh.org/advent-hymns-spotify](https://redeemerwh.org/advent-hymns-spotify)*

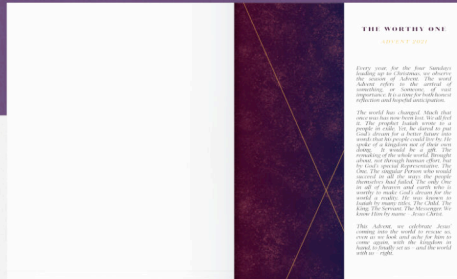
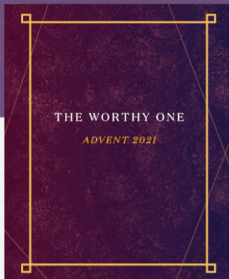
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## *Behold the Lamb of God (Andrew Peterson)*

*Spotify: [redeemerwh.org/btlog-spotify](https://redeemerwh.org/btlog-spotify)*

*Apple Music: [redeemerwh.org/btlog-apple](https://redeemerwh.org/btlog-apple)*

Available in the foyer



## Announcements

**Christmas Eve:** Our **Christmas Eve service will be at Venue 650 at 5:30pm**. We're grateful for the opportunity to remain in one service as we celebrate the coming of our Savior. We'll have a lot of extra room so please invite your friends, family & neighbors. There will not be childcare, however, the service will be family friendly and a cry room will be available.

**Christmas Party:** Our Christmas Party will be **Sunday, December 5 at 5pm at the Sizemore's Home (227 Lake Link Rd)**. Childcare will be available at the church from 5-7pm, please help us prepare by RSVPing for childcare: [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp). This event is for adults only.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: [redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic](https://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).

## Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

## Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk ([renewpolk.org](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](https://flchurchplanting.org)).

## Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, [jonathan@redeemewinterhaven.org](mailto:jonathan@redeemewinterhaven.org).

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FUND**

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