



# REDEEMER

## CITY CHURCH

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January 7, 2018 – Epiphany Sunday

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### **Songs of Gathering and Preparation**

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

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven  
Jesus, Thank You

### **Call to Worship**

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

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer...5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin...10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

(Psalm 32:1-5; 10-11 ESV)

## 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).*

## Assurance of Pardon

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

5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith -- 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us -- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree" -- 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

(Galatians 3:5-14 ESV)

## 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*

How Deep  
In Christ Alone

## 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.*

*(Children through pre-k are dismissed for kid's worship)*

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

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

Romans 4:1-16 *(see insert)*

## **Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.*

Upon A Life

## **Songs of Response & Sending**

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

Lord I Need You

## **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.

## Announcements

Greeting this morning is the **Beatty** Community Group.

**Renew Polk Worship Service:** Save the date! **Sunday, January 28, 5p, Branscomb Auditorium at Florida Southern College**, Redeemer and all of our sister churches and core groups in the Renew Polk Network will come together for a joint worship service. Everyone is welcome!

**Women's Bible Studies:** Will resume this week. See the insert for more info.

**Vision Dinner:** Vision Dinner is a quarterly event where we share a meal together and reorient ourselves towards our mission. Join us **Wednesday, January 10, at 5:30p** for our first Vision Dinner of the Year. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP at [redeemerwh.org/vd](http://redeemerwh.org/vd) or by emailing [connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

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

*(There is no offering taken during the service. An offering box is located at the front and the back of the sanctuary.)*

## 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 are proudly partner with Renew Polk ([renewpolk.org](http://renewpolk.org)), a missional partnership of churches, that exists to catalyze funds and resources for PCA church planting in Polk County. The aim of Renew Polk is to see 20 new churches planted in Polk County over the next 20 years.

## Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, [jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org) or visit our website.

***"The purpose of Community Groups is to create a community where Jesus Christ is experienced and mutual ministry is enjoyed."***

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