



# REDEEMER

## CITY CHURCH



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MOVEMENT

*August 12, 2018 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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### **Season of the Cross:** Green for Ordinary Time

*Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.*

## Song of Gathering and Preparation

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

O Help My Unbelief  
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

### Call to Worship: Ezekiel 34:2-6, 11-16

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

Leader: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

**Congregation: So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts.**

Leader: "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

**Congregation: I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.**

### 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: John 10:10-15

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

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

## **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.*

## **Song 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*

Great Are You Lord  
Shepherd

## **Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal**

*Children through fifth grade 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.*

Acts 20:17-35 (see insert)

## **Song of Response**

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

Oh God

## **Officer Installation:** Brandon Lutz, Associate Pastor

## **Song of Sending**

*As we prepare to be sent out into the world, we sing one last time to remind us of the grace of God and the mission He has called us to. .*

In Christ Alone

## **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 **Henderson** Community Group.

**Two Services:** Make a note that on **Sunday, September 9**, we will transition to having two worship services in the morning: **9 & 10:30am**. They will be the same services and both will have childcare through 5th grade (aside from Communion Sundays).

**Elbert Elementary:** Elbert is in need of some school uniforms. If you're able to help, please drop off the uniforms in the church office. **Needs:** boys and girls underwear (S, M and L), belts, shorts or pants (blue jeans, khaki, or navy blue), collared shirts (navy blue, white, or red), and socks for the younger students.

**Renew Polk Sunday: Sunday, September 16** will be "Renew Polk" Sunday in all of our network churches. We will be taking a special offering to help support the work of Renew Polk. That evening at **5pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church** we will hold a vision and prayer gathering. We will sing together, hear updates from the plants, and pray for the ongoing work in our network. Paul Hahn, Coordinator of Mission to North America (MNA), will address us that evening. Please get that on your calendar and plan to attend. Childcare will be available thru kindergarten.

**Student Ministry Town Hall: Wednesday, August 29** there is going to be a meeting for all parents with students from **6:30-7:45pm**. Brandon is going to share the vision for the student ministry, explain what we do at Youth Group, share a topic on his heart related to students, and, most importantly, pray for the students! Please put this in your calendars now as this will surely encourage your hearts.

**Children's Ministry Volunteer Breakfast: Sunday, August 26 from 9-10am** we are having a volunteer breakfast and a brief training as we begin the fall semester. This is also an opportunity to learn more about volunteering if you are interested in serving with Children's Ministry.

**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)).

## 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](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.

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