



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

*Glorifying God by Knowing,
Living and Proclaiming
our Hope in Christ*

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Call to Faith

Isaiah 7:1 - 8:8

Pastor Scott Roberts

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Order of Worship

Living Waters

Lighting of Advent Candles Isaiah 40:9

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Silent Night

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Your Great Name

The Lord is My Salvation

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 7:1 - 8:8

Message The Call to Faith

O Church Arise

Benediction

Joy to the World

The offering this morning is for the Outreach Fund.
Please place offerings in the basket by the sound booth.

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad you have joined us today!
May God bless you as you worship with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for the Family Promise Christmas Tree gifts: Thank you for your generosity in providing gift cards for the Family Promise families. Their Christmas will be more joyful because of your gifts. Please continue to pray for the families as they work hard to improve their lives and find permanent housing, and for the staff as they guide the families. *From the Deacons and Family Promise Team*

Christmas Eve Service: HCC will have a communion and candlelight service on the 24th at 7 p.m.

Thank you from Family Promise: I wanted to reach out to thank you for your steadfast commitment to Family Promise and thank you for the impact you make on the families we serve. Please extend this to your volunteers as well!
You are such a blessing, and we appreciate you.
Carolyn Roy, Family Promise/Family Housing Program Director
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom Co.

PRAYERS

Each week we pray for members of our church family. Suggested prayers are for their spiritual growth, opportunities to see Christ in their everyday lives, and anything else that God puts on your mind for them.

This week please pray for:

Bud & Lorraine Brouwer Marlene Butenschoen

Diane & Mike Button Rachel Carlson, Hannah, Lauren, Michael

SERVANTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24TH

Communion Prep: Sarah, Diane **Greeters:** Clair & Hildred **E-Street Taxi:** Alice

SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 26TH

Prayer Room: Chuck D. **Greeters:** Gina N., Joe P.
E-Street Taxi: Don & Elaine

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- Mon.: Closed
- Tues., Wed., Thurs.:
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Sermon Outline

The Call to Faith *Isaiah 7:1 - 8:8*

I. Ahaz's situation (Isa 7:1-2, 6, 2Chr 28:5-8)

II. The call to faith (Isa 7:3-9)

A. Ahaz is out inspecting his infrastructure (Isa 7:3)

B. God sends Isaiah and his son, Shear-jashub (Isa 7:3)

C. God's message (Isa 7:4-9)

D. The call to faith (Isa 7:9)

(1) But it isn't a blind faith (Isa 7:10-11)

(2) Signs are visual representations that God often gives to back up his promises (Gen 9:12, 17:11, Ex 3:12, 4:8-9, 12:13, HC 69, 75)

(3) Ask for anything; the sky is the limit (Josh 10:12, 2Ki 20:9-11, Is 38:8, Judg 6:37-40)

III. The wrong response

- A. Unfortunately, Ahaz feigned piety instead of faith (Isa 7:12)
- B. God's judgment proclaimed (Isa 7:13, 17, 19-25, 5:26, Eph 4:30)
- C. But that isn't the only message God has for Ahaz

IV. God's faithfulness (Isa 7:14-16)

- A. The first fulfillment of Isa 7:14-16, (Isa 8:3-4, 18)
- B. The second fulfillment of Isa 7:14-16 (Mt 1:23)
- C. Conclusion