



HOPE <sup>IN</sup> CHRIST  
CHURCH

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A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*The Route to Comfort*

Isaiah 66:10-24

Pastor Scott Roberts

OCTOBER 23, 2022

# ***Order of Worship***

*Holy Forever*

**Call to Worship** *Mission Statement*

*Shout to the Lord*

*What a Beautiful Name*

*A Mighty Fortress*

**Baptism** *Lauren and Michael*

**Profession of Faith** *Hannah*

*It Is Well With My Soul*

**Prayer**

**Scripture** *Isaiah 66:10-14*

**Message** *The Route to Comfort*

*Hymn of Heaven*

**Benediction**

*The Blessing*



# ***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.

## ***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:

Michael, Connie, Heidi K  
Brian, Melissa, Abee, Brenna, John, Zachariah K  
Lou & Evelyn K      Doug & Winnie K

## ***God is Moving Mountains***

On 16 October, when President Xi Jinping spoke at the opening of the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), his central theme was 'security'. According to Xi, China is facing 'dangerous storms' and overcoming them will require sacrifice and obedience (i.e. a united front amidst increased hardship). When the Congress ends on 22 October, China will move into a whole new era: one of suffocating yet sophisticated, escalating repression and persecution. Having already enacted a raft of new laws and set up the punitive Social Credit System, Xi confirmed that the measures introduced in 2022 to chase zero-COVID will not be relaxed. Indeed, they are already being used to chase zero-dissent; to control and imprison people in their homes, to keep Christians from meeting or even communicating. ***Please pray.***

## ***Today's Offering***

The suggested donation for the offering this morning is the General Fund.

## ***Announcements***

**Pastor Appreciation:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month. A couple of ideas for thanking our pastors: tell them (words of affirmation), show them (serve them in some way), gift them (if able and interested), and pray for them.

**Annual All-Church Meeting:** The meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov 6 at 11 a.m. Pick up the agenda and copy of the budget located in the church foyer on either Oct 23 or 30. If helpful, contact Marjie by phone (360-733-6177) or email ([info@hopeinchristchurch.org](mailto:info@hopeinchristchurch.org)) if you would prefer a copy of the budget mailed or emailed directly to you. If you are unable to attend the congregational meeting in person, you may email ([info@hopeinchristchurch.org](mailto:info@hopeinchristchurch.org)) your vote to approve or not approve the budget by Friday, Nov 4, at 3 p.m. For those attending all-church meeting in person, ballots will be available for voting during the meeting.

**Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023):** Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or 616-328-3110.

**Camping Update:** The central site moved from 91 to site 103 for next summer's campout. If you have any questions, please call Mike Button.

## ***Servants for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters:** Jerry & Faye

**E-Street Taxi:** Joe P.

**Prayer Room:** Chuck

**Cookies:** Rachel, Gloria, Avis, Evelyn

*Sermon Outline - October 23, 2022*

The Route to Comfort

Isaiah 66:10-24

I. When life caves in

II. The route to comfort

A. Loving and mourning for God's people (Isa 66:10-11)  
Blessed are those who mourn (Mt 5:3-4, 6, 8, 11-12)

B. Finding comfort in God (Isa 66:12-14)  
Come you who are weary and heavy laden...

C. Finding comfort in his wrath (Isa 66:14-17, Num. 23:7-8)  
Hidden in Christ (Col 3:3-4, 2Cor 5:21)

D. Looking forward to the End (Isa 66:18-24)

1. God's sign to the nations (Isa 66:19, Isa 7:14)  
The Incarnation (Mt 1:23)
  
2. God's missionaries sent forth (Isa 66:19)  
The story of Acts
  
3. The people of God expanded (Isa 66:20-21)  
The nations are welcomed (1Pt 2:9, Rev 21:24)
  
4. Eternal security for God's worshippers (Isa 66:22-24)
  - a. Security - Christ will lose none (Jn 17:12, 18:9)
  
  - b. Enemies defeated - No evil will persist  
(Rev 19:11-21, 21:6-8)

## ***Council Members and Districts***

### **District - Last name A to C**

Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Barb Zylstra (360-312-9695)

### **District - Last name D to G**

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

### **District - Last name J to M**

Elder: Brian Koning (360-927-6407)

Deacon: Dan Obbink (360-738-4718)

### **District - Last name N to R**

Elder: Mark Ruiter (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

### **District - Last name S to Z**

Elder: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

### **District - Council Members**

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

**Council President:** Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

**Deacon Chair:** Dan Obbink (360-738-4718)

## ***Team Leaders***

**Education Director:** Pastor Ethan Rogers (360) 733-6177  
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**Custodian:** Don Recker (509-949-7441)

**Worship:** Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

**GEMS:** Darlys Recker (360-393-4179)

**Friendship:** Tanya Obbink (360-393-5171)

**Safe Church Coordinator:** Don Recker (360-393-4179)

**Health Minister:** Alice Brakke (360-671-2155)

## **BULLETIN & HEARTBEAT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

All bulletin items are due on Thursdays at noon.

Articles for the November Heartbeat are due Oct. 21.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon.: Closed

Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

## **HOPE IN CHRIST CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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