



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**Choosing Dependence (Discomfort)
Over Comfort (Independence)**

Leviticus 22:17-25

Pastor Scott Roberts

JANUARY 1, 2023

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.



Order of Worship

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Prayer

Scripture

Leviticus 22:17-25

Message

Choosing Dependence (Discomfort) Over Comfort (Independence)

Communion

Songs of Response

The Lord's Supper, which we celebrate today, is a way for the Christian to remember the sacrifice of Christ. If you have not yet believed in Christ as Savior, we invite you to watch and learn. We are glad you are here! If you have questions about Jesus, please see Pastor Scott after the worship service.

The bread we use is allergen free and contains no wheat, dairy, nuts or soy. However, it may contain egg.



God is Moving Mountains

One morning a car, full of children, drove into one of ICR's refugee distribution camps. At the wheel was a young boy, only a teenager, named Matviy. As soon as his car crossed the fence, it stopped, and the car refused to start again. Matviy drove his brothers, sisters and his niece, who is only a year old, out of Ukraine. The car was in disrepair, and Matviy didn't have the right documents. But he decided, and his parents charged him with the responsibility to escape the war, with 6 children, at all costs. This guy had one ambition - to find a quiet place away from where the hostilities were taking place. The refugee center took these kids in for a week and wanted them to stay longer. But Matviy wanted to move on. He agreed to letting volunteers help him repair his car; miraculously, the parts for the car were found. These kids made it to Europe, where they were placed in a separate home and helped to get settled in. God was very protective of these children. **Please pray** that they will continue to believe and will be reunited soon with their parents who stayed in Ukraine.

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts at
Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org

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	Marlene B	Diane & Mike
Rachel, Hannah, Lauren, Michael		Sissy D

Today's Offering

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

Announcements

Family Promise: Our church is in charge of providing meal kits for Family Promise families the week of January 23. Our partner congregation is unable to assist this next time so we will be providing 5 or 6 families with 2 meal kits each.

How can you help? The director will provide us with recipes selected by the families. You buy the groceries, put them in a bag or box, bring them to church and someone will deliver them to the families. You may provide both meals for a family or partner with someone and each do 1 meal.

Please call, email, text or talk to Hildred Abee or Lorraine Brouwer if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Bible Study Opportunities for the New Year:

- Come study the book of Jude on Friday, January 6, 2023 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Bring something to eat and we will start right away, exploring the book.
- Come study the Sermon on the Mount every Tuesday night beginning January 10 - March 28 (except Valentine's Day) from *6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Please RSVP for both of these so that materials can be ready.

*Note time change from previous announcements.

Lost Scarf: Winnie Konn left a burgundy-colored scarf with a sparkly heart pattern in the Sunday school room when she was teaching prior to Christmas. She would love to have it returned to her. If you have seen it, please give Winnie a call.

G.E.M.S.: The GEMS girls club is not meeting tomorrow, Jan. 2.

Servants for Sunday, January 8th

Greeters: Bud & Lorraine **E-Street Taxi:** Doug S

Prayer Room: Chuck Dean **Cookies:** Helen, Alice, Lorraine, Faye

Sermon Outline - January 1, 2023

Choosing Dependence (Discomfort) Over Comfort (Independence)

Leviticus 22:17-25

- I. New Year's Resolutions

- II. Choosing dependence upon God in the sacrificial system
(Lev 22:17-25; 1:10; 3:1; 4:3, 27-28; 5:15)
 - A. Every time a sacrifice is made, the best animals are offered

 - B. Only in dependence upon God will a herd continue to produce healthy, perfect animals

- III. Other Biblical examples:
 - A. Abraham and sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22,12; Heb 11:17-19)
 - B. Gideon (Judg 7:4-6)
 - C. Crossing Jordan River (Josh 3;8, 13)
 - D. Ruth 1
 - E. David and Goliath (1Sam 17)
 - F. Daniel and the test of diet (Dan 1)
 - G. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan 3)
 - H. Virgin Mary (Lk 1:26-38)
 - I. Paul and missionary travels (2Cor 11:23-27)

IV. The Gospel: Jesus chose dependence over comfort (Phil 2:6-8)

A. Jesus in his temptation (Luke 4:1-4)

B. The Incarnation (Phil 2:6-8)

V. Will you choose dependence and discomfort over independence?

A. Certainty is not required

B. Ask this question at every stage and walk of life, especially when facing a decision

1. Which trajectory/decision will lead me to greater dependence and trust in God?

2. What thing will I most assuredly fail at unless God shows up?

C. Will you commit to this kind of discipleship resolution for 2023?

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.: Closed

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

Thursday: noon - 3 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin items are due on Thursdays at noon.



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