



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Clothe Yourself in Christ's Character

Colossians 3:12-17

APRIL 30, 2023

Senior Pastor Scott Roberts
Associate Pastor Ethan Rogers

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

Prelude Mitchell and Rochelle

Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here

Spirit of the Living God

Call to Worship Psalm 103: 4-14

Jesus Name Above All Names

I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Make Me A Channel

Prayer

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17

Message Clothe Yourself in Christ's Character

Christ Alone Cornerstone

Benediction

Postlude Mitchell and Rochelle



Today's Offering

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

God is Moving Mountains

On 19 April, in the northern tribal-belt state of Chhattisgarh, the Bilaspur High Court granted bail to 10 Protestant Church leaders. The pastors and evangelists were arrested in January in relation to the anti-Christian pogroms that struck 18 villages in Narayanpur district, in Chhattisgarh's southern Bastar Division in December 2022 – pogroms that left more than 1000 Christians displaced. Catholic media reports (UCA, 20 April): 'the Christian leaders were charged with rioting, being armed with deadly weapons, voluntarily causing hurt to public servants on duty, and criminal intimidation and assault. If convicted of all the charges, each of them faces punishments of up to 10 years in jail and fines.' Local Church leaders believe, 'the Protestant Church leaders were arrested and remanded to appease the majority traditional animist religion followers... [They] had no role in the violence but they were implicated in the case as they visited the victims.' Relieved they have finally been released on bail, their lawyer is confident their innocence will be proved in court. ***Please pray for God to touch the hearts of those leading the attacks on believers.***

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:

Jay & Avis Marilyn Wilma
Don K Michael, Connie, Heidi

Servants for Sunday, May 7th

Communion Prep: Hildred, Rachel & family **E-Street Taxi:** Joe P

Prayer Room: David **Greeters:** Gina, Joe P

Cookies: Connie, Melissa, Winnie

Announcements

Elder/Deacon Nominations: The following members are being presented by Council as candidates for Elder: Michael Boer, David Richards, and Ken Wick; and for Deacon: Hildred Abee, Jolene Skovron, and Philip Bergman.

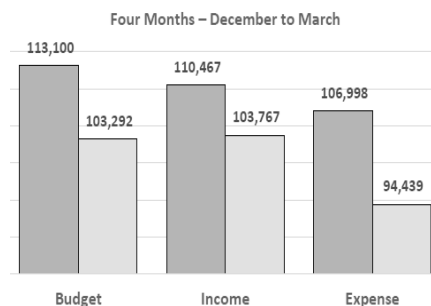
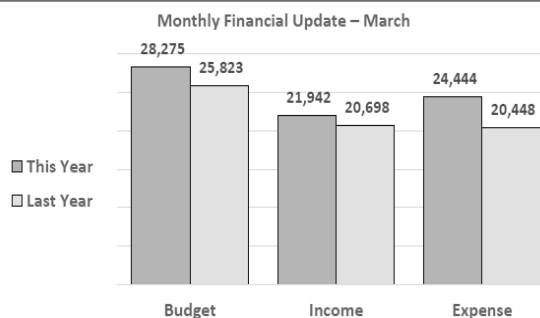
A vote will be taken today to accept or reject the names presented by council. On May 14, we will draw lots and the Holy Spirit will select our next Elders and Deacons. We give thanks to Brian Koning for his service as Elder, and to Dan Obbink and Barb Zylstra for their service as Deacons.

Family Promise Meals: Our next opportunity to provide meals for Family Promise will be on Sunday May 21. The families pick the meals; you provide the ingredients and bring them to church on May 21. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lorraine. Thank you!

Congratulations to Pastor Scott! Pastor Scott has recently completed all of the requirements for a Master of Theology degree (ThM). The Roberts family is hosting an open house to celebrate his graduation and would love for you to come. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration! Contact the office for more details.

Deacons’ Monthly Financial Update

**March
2023**



Sermon Outline - April 30, 2023

Clothe Yourself in Christ's Character

Colossians 3:12-17

- I. Character is king
 - A. 2 Stories

 - B. Last week (Col 3:5, 8)

- II. Put on Christ (Col 3:12)
 - A. An aorist middle imperative

 - B. Our identity defines our character (Dt. 7:6-8)

 - C. We are God's people, Christ's body

III. Christ's character

- A. Compassionate hearts (Rom 12:1, 2Cor 1:3, Heb 10:28, Phil 2:1)
- B. Kindness (Gal 5:22, Rom 3:12, Tit 3:4, Rom 2:4)
- C. Humility (Mk 10:45)
- D. Meekness (Mt 11:29)
- E. Patient (2Pt 3:15)
- F. Bearing with one another – Forbearance, Endurance (Col 3:13)
- G. Forgiving (Col 3:13)
- H. Love tops it all off (Col 3:14)

IV. How do we get there? (Col 3:15-17)

- A. 4 Commands:
 - 1. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
 - 2. Be thankful
 - 3. Internalize the Word
 - 4. Worship
- B. Summary (Col 1:27)

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

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

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 I

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)

Team Leaders

Education Director: Pastor Ethan Rogers (360) 733-6177
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Safe Church Coordinator: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

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

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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