

A Christian Reformed Church

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

**TODAY'S MESSAGE** 

Put Off the Old Person

Colossians 3:5-11

**APRIL 16, 2023** 

Senior Pastor Scott Roberts Associate Pastor Ethan Rogers

## Order of Worship

This is Amazing Grace

Call to Worship Psalm 139: 23-24

Because He Lives (Amen)

Jesus Over Everything

All in All

I Am Not My Own

**Prayer** 

**Scripture** Colossians 3: 5-11

Reader: Brian Koning

Sermon Put Off the Old Person

O Church Arise

Benediction

Death Was Arrested



## Today's Offering

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

#### 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.

## **God is Moving Mountains**

The Karen are one of Burma's largest ethnic minority nations. Whilst the majority of Karen are Buddhist, up to 30 percent are Christian; they are mostly found among the hill tribes in the country's east. Christians have long headed the Karen National Union and its armed wing, the Karen National Liberation Army. Since 1994, a Karen Buddhist army has supported the junta in exchange for rewards and promises of Buddhist empowerment. Like the Christian Kachin and Chin, in February 2021 the Christian Karen chose to support the 'revolution' against General Min Aung Hlaing's military coup. On 27 March Min Aung Hlaing labelled all resistance fighters as 'terrorists' and vowed to 'annihilate them to an end'. Fierce fighting over Easter drove thousands of mostly Christian Karen over the border into Thailand. *Please pray* the Lord will guide the fleeing Christian Karen to safety, provide the refugees with all their needs, and bless their land with lasting peace.

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:

Scott E Georgi Karen Karen, Gino, Elisabeth, Katherine

#### **Announcements**

Elder/Deacon Nominations: The following members are being presented by Council as candidates for Elder: Michael Boer, David R, and Ken W; and for Deacon: Hildred, Jolene, and Philip. During the congregational meeting on April 30, a vote will be taken 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.

Respite for Dementia Caregivers: Dementia Support Northwest (DSNW), a Whatcom-based nonprofit, is offering caregiver respite programs for those taking care of a loved one with dementia. The programs run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at Sonlight Community CRC and Wednesdays and Thursdays at Christ the King-Bellingham. They offer non-medical, social respite to give caregivers vital opportunities for rest, recovery, and time to tend to other daily needs while their loved ones enjoy programming, lunch, and refreshments with familiar and friendly faces as well as DSNW's professional caregivers. If you or someone you know is caring for a loved one with dementia, call (360) 671-3316 or e-mail alz@alzsociety.org. For more information, visit www.dementiasupportnw.org.

Volunteer With Jesus Taxi: Whatcom County Love INC (In the Name of Christ) is offering mini-missions trips in the form of the Jesus Taxi. The servant ministry brings together those in need with volunteers who are "taxied" to neighborhoods to pray, offer a helping hand, and love those who need it. To get a tour of the new Jesus Taxi building at 1215 Commercial St., Bellingham, or for more information about this and other Love INC programs, call (360) 671-6201, e-mail oskar@whatcomloveinc.org, or visit www.whatcomloveinc.org.

## Servants for Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Greeters: Lou & Evelyn E-Street Taxi: Cain

Prayer Room: Alice Cookies: Lorraine, Rachel, Ruth

## Sermon Outline - April 16, 2023

## **Put Off the Old Person**

Colossians 3:5-11

- I. The clothes make the man A. Dress for success
  - B. The context (Col 3:1-4)
- II. Earthly things need to die
  - A. List 1: Sexual decadence (Col 3:5)
    - 1. Sexual immorality (1Cor 7:2)
    - 2. Impurity (Galatians 5:19, Romans 1:24)
    - 3. Passion (Rom 1:26-27, 1Th 4:5.
    - 4. Evil desire (Rom 1:24, 1Th 4:5, 1Pt 4:3, 2Pt 2:10, Jud 16, Eph 2:3)
    - 5. Covetousness (Lk 12:15, 1Th 2:5, 2Pt 2:3, 2:14, 2Cor 12:17)
  - B. List 2: Sins of speech and emotions (Col 3:8-9a)
    - 1. Anger (Rom 2:5, Jam 1:20, Gen 4:5, Ex 32:19, Num 22:27, 1Sam 18:8)

2. Wrath (Prov 27:4, Act 19:28)
3. Malice (1Cor 5:8)
4. Slander (Mt 27:39, Acts 13:45, 18:6, Titus 3:2)
5. Obscene talk
6. Do not lie to one another (Col 3:9, Jn 8:44, 14:6, Heb 6:18).
C. These things deserve judgment (Col 3:6-7)
III. Take this earthly suit off! (Col 3:8, Acts 7:58, Col 2:15, 3:10) A. "But now you must put them all away" (Colossians 3:8 ESV)
B. How do we put off the old and gain the new? (Col 3:11) 1. Learn God
2. Learn yourself
3. Get accountability
4. Pray

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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

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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**

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