



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Process of Perfection

James 1:1-8

JUNE 25, 2023

Senior Pastor Scott Roberts
Associate Pastor Ethan Rogers



Order of Worship



Rejoice

Call to Worship Psalm 42

Living Waters/As the Deer

He Will Hold Me Fast

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

His Mercy is More

Congregational Prayer

Scripture James 1:1-8
Reader: Chuck Dean

Sermon Process of Perfection

Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

The Lord Almighty Reigns



Today's Offering

The suggested donation for the offering this morning is the General 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

Six Christian Libyan nationals arrested during March and early April for apostasy (leaving Islam) and Christian proselytism (missionary work) could face the death penalty if found guilty. Videos of the detained believers 'confessing' to their 'crimes' have been posted on-line. One believer is a 22-year-old woman who became a follower of Christ aged 15. Another believer is reported to have renounced his faith under torture; may he be comforted by the amazing grace of his Saviour, Jesus Christ. Two US citizens arrested around the same time for alleged Christian proselytism have been released and deported to Tunisia. Meanwhile, Nigerian pastor Femi Abraham Akinboye – arrested by an Islamic militia in July 2021 while seeking a permit for the church he had established – remains detained, his fate unknown. Lord have mercy! ***Please pray.***

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:

Clair & Hildred Dave A Philip
Don & Tena Ken & Elaine Joe & Barb

Servants for Sunday, July 2nd

Greeters: Joe P, Gina N **E-Street Taxi:** Joe P

Prayer Room: Ken **Communion Prep:** Doug & Winnie

Questions for Discussion and Thought

1. When you read James 1:2-4, it seems like suffering is a major way in which God produces maturity and perseverance in us. Why do you think trials refine us so well?
2. What promises encourage us to have joy amid trials? Are we supposed to deny our natural feelings about trials in favor of joyfulness?
3. In the middle of discussing trials, James mentions wisdom (1:5). What does wisdom have to do with facing trials? Why should we pray for wisdom, not just perseverance? What must we believe when we ask for wisdom?
4. What does it mean that God “gives generously to all without reproach”? When do we find ourselves giving with this spirit? When do we fall short of this spirit of giving?
5. In what areas of life can we be of two minds? How does double-mindedness undermine the Christian faith? Why does double-mindedness undermine receiving from God?

Prompts for Prayer

1. Describe one or more of the trials or testings you are currently facing. From James 1:2-8, what are some of the attitudes you should have about this trial? What are you doing and not doing to cooperate with God's plan for your life? Pray about this and ask God for wisdom!

2. Take some time to ask God for confidence in Him- to see His work in your life more clearly.

3. Are there other members of your friends or family that are suffering right now? How can we pray for them in the group?

Announcements

Church Remodeling Help Needed: The sanctuary will be painted between July 10-15. To that end there are a number of things that need to be done to prepare for the freshening up of the room. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer on the shelf by the bulletins. Please add your name if there is a time that you are available to help.

Summer Bible Study for Ladies: Ladies will meet every other Tuesday starting June 27 at 7 p.m. We'll study the book of Philippians using "That I May Know Him – Philippians / Colossians" by Kay Arthur & David Lawson as our study guide/tool. For more information contact Tanya Obbink.

Summit Thrift Store: Summit Thrift Store is planning to open in August with profits going to Envision Ministries to disciple the homeless of Whatcom County. You can help Pastor Mitchell Senti and the Envision team open more Summit Discipleship Houses by donating items at 410 First St., Unit 5, Lynden. You can also volunteer by calling Diane at (360) 961-6407. For more information, visit summitthriftstore.org and envisionthesummit.org.

Parkinson Disease Support: You are welcome to join us on the second Monday afternoon of each month, 2-3:30 p.m. at Cornwall Church on Northwest Avenue for our monthly Parkinson's Support Group meeting. The group includes caregivers, the person with P.D., friends, and family. For more information, contact Deb Ivancovich at 360-961-5168.

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 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.

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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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