



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Word's Reflection

James 1:19-27

JULY 23, 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

Only A Holy God

Welcome/ Greeting

Holy Holy Holy

Call to Worship: Psalm 1

Ancient Words

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

Prayer

Scripture: James 1:19-27
David Richards, reader

Message: The Word's Reflection

Turn Your Eyes

Benediction

May the Peace of God (Benediction)

God is Moving Mountains

When authorities in the Philippines want to silence their critics – be they journalists, conservationists, human rights activists and advocates, or even Christian missionaries tending to the needs of the vulnerable poor and downtrodden – they will simply ‘red-tag’ them. That is, they will label them as communist recruiters or financiers. People who are ‘red-tagged’ routinely end up disappeared, imprisoned and tortured, or murdered; usually at the hands of security personnel with sweeping powers and guaranteed impunity. Not to be a thing of the past, numerous Christian leaders and missionaries – both Protestant and Catholic – have been red-tagged, arrested, and driven into hiding since the May 2022 elections. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and VP Sara Duterte appear determined to continue and even accelerate the brutal and unjust policies employed by their fathers. Please pray the Lord will motivate and embolden the Philippines Church to speak out – in unison and solidarity – against lies, abuse of power, exploitation and injustice. May the Church – as One Body – turn to prayer for revival in the Church and reform in government. (Matthew 5:1-16)

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:

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| Georgi | Karen F | Anne |
| Darryl & Gloria | Dan G | Tara & Glen |

Today's Offering

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

The Word's Reflection
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Sermon Outline

1. Introduction

2. Becoming Quick to Hear

3. Receiving the Implanted Word

4. Doing the Word

5. True Religion

The Word's Reflection
James 1:19-27
Questions

1. When we are careless with our words, we are being careless with our Lord and call. What damage can we do if we don't watch what we say? What can we do to be better Christians and control our tongues better?
2. How has the Bible been a mirror to *your* soul specifically? How does Jesus incarnational life inspire you to grow?
3. Do you think of religion as a good thing, or a bad thing? How do you think society views the term? Most importantly, why?
4. Why do you suppose that James use orphans and widows? What makes serving them a good example for describing 'pure religion'?
5. Here's an opportunity to praise God for helping us to become doers of the Word- what are some old sins He helped free you from?

Announcements

CREATIVE CREATIONS CRAFT CAMP: Kids ages 6 - 106 are invited to come and meet with Darlys to make paper flowers, pinecone flowers, jewelry, fun fold and pop-up cards, and to learn art techniques including painting with watercolor and acrylics - and more! Come to the Hope in Christ Church foyer for crafting fun and fellowship on August 1, 2, & 3 from 10 AM - 4 PM. If you would like to attend or have questions, contact Darlys.

STORIES NEEDED OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: Bekah Roberts is writing a book that will tell the stories from the people in Hope in Christ Church of God's faithfulness in their lives. This is an opportunity to share encouragement with each other of our unchanging God. Each story needs to be within 500-550 words long and can be mailed to Bekah at rebekah.g.roberts@protonmail.com. If you want to write your story anonymously feel free to do so. Please turn in the story by the end of August, or if you don't want to write the story yourself, reach out to me and I (or one of the team members) will interview you and write the story on your behalf.

HELP THRIFT STORE PREPARE FOR OPENING: Summit Thrift Store is planning to open in August with profits going to Envision Ministries to disciple the homeless of Whatcom County. Painters, carpenters, etc., are needed to help get the store ready. To volunteer, call Don at (360) 325-3224. You also can help Pastor Mitchell Senti and the Envision team open more Summit Discipleship Houses by donating items on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 404 Front St., Lynden (in the alley). You can also volunteer by calling Diane at (360) 961-6407. For more information, visit summitthriftstore.org or envisionthesummit.org.

Servants for Sunday, July 30th

E-Street Taxi: Alice **Prayer Room:** Alice

Greeters: Doug & Winnie

Council Members and Districts

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

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

District - Last name A to C

Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

District - Last name D to I

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

District - Last name J to N

Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

District - Last name O to R

Elder: Mark Ruiten (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

District - Last name R 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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Custodian: Don Recker (509-949-7441)

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GEMS: Darlys Recker (360-393-4179)

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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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