



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

God in Our Past
Deuteronomy 1-3

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

King of Kings

Announcements

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Deuteronomy 1:1-18 *Lord I Need You*

Deuteronomy 1:19-33 *Lord I Need You*

Deuteronomy 1:34-46 *Lord I Need You*

Deuteronomy 2:1-9 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Deuteronomy 2:16-19, 24-25 *Your Grace is Enough*

Deuteronomy 2:26-35 *Amazing Grace*

Deuteronomy 3:1-7, 18-22 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Deuteronomy 3:23-29 *Lord I Need You*

Prayer

Message God in Our Past

Come to the Altar

Benediction

God So Loved

God is Moving Mountains

CHINA: LEGAL CHURCH WILL BE FULLY SINICISED
plus: another Christian human rights lawyer goes missing

On 1 September Measures on the Administration of Religious Activity Venues will come into force. The Measures stipulate that Religious Activity Venues must pro-actively support the leadership of the CCP, including the establishment of 'a study system' through which church leaders will be indoctrinated, and by ensuring sermon content advances CCP agendas. The Measures will ensure the legal, CCP-registered 'Church' is fully sinicised as a branch of the CCP propaganda system. At this point it will probably be impossible for faithful, Gospel-focused Christians to remain in the system. Meanwhile, on 11 May, a Chinese court sentenced Christian human rights writer and lawyer Yang Maodong (57) – pen-name Guo Feixiong – to eight years in prison. He joins his dear friend Christian human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng (59) as one whose whereabouts are unknown. ***Please pray.***

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that Christians facing the burden of surveillance and tight regulation will be given strength, wisdom, and boldness as they navigate challenges.
- Please pray for the families of the believers in China who have gone missing after being arrested and haven't been heard from since.
- Pray that young people who've not previously experienced persecution will be equipped to stand strong in their faith.

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:

Doug & Jan Ethan & Joy Joanne S
Mitchell, Rochelle, Johnathon, Elisha, Peter

Today's Offering The suggested donation today is the Outreach Fund.

God in Our Past
Deuteronomy 1-3

- I. Intro to Deuteronomy
 - A. Outline of Deuteronomy
 - 1. Recap of Israel's journey from Egypt (Dt 1–3)
 - 2. How to love God and keep His commandments (Dt 4–26)
 - 3. Blessings, curses, and restoration (Dt 27–30)
 - 4. The death of Moses and Joshua's succession (Dt 31–34)
 - B. Why does Deut. relay Israel's history in an abbreviated fashion in the opening chapters?

- II. The History of Israel
 - A. Deut. begins and ends in the same place: A call to love God

 - B. God saved their parents (Dt 1:8)

 - C. Establishing leadership (Dt 1:17–18)

 - D. He recalls one of the great sins of disbelief among their parents' generation. (Dt 1:39)

 - E. This leads Moses to remind the people that God blessed them (Dt 2:7)

F. Moses blamed Israel for his failure to enter into the Promised Land. (Dt 1:37, 3:26, Num 20:9-12)

G. The historical narrative closes with the command to commission Joshua as the next leader who will bring the people into the Promised Land.

III. Our history

A. In many ways our history is similar to theirs

1. Broadly speaking we are all children of disobedient parents in Adam (Gen 3)
2. Generational chaos
3. First generation believers and second generation believers
4. Calling people to love God and pursue him more than anything else

B. Disobedience is a real thing with serious consequences for living in God's best

C. We all need godly authorities over us who can lead us to the Savior! (Dt 1:15-18)

IV. The Gospel: There is a new Joshua – and his name is Yeshua, Jesus. Canaan or the New Jerusalem?

Announcements

TUES.BIBLE STUDY: There will be a weekly Bible study at church on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; the same time Youth Group meets with Pastor Ethan. Everyone is welcome. The topic is "The Gospel-Centered Life."

SAVE THE DATE: There will be a new Tena Crosby conference at church on October 20 and 21. The time schedule will be similar to the last one. Details and sign-up information will be coming soon.

DOXA GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The Konings are starting a new small group for 18-26-ish-year-olds. They will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights of each month to share some dessert, perhaps play games, praise, pray, and spend some time in God's Word together. It will be held at their house (3769 Westhills Place) beginning on Sept 26th. Bring your friends!

LADIES - SAVE THE DATE: All women ages 16 and older are invited to attend a seminar on Saturday, November 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., entitled "Women Under Stress." The seminar will be held here at Hope in Christ Church and is free of charge. More details about registration to follow in October.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT: A retreat is being planned for middle-school-aged kids and older (under 21 years) for October 13-15. Sign-up information is in the foyer.

HCC WEBSITE IMPROVEMENT: We are looking into revamping our current web presence to hopefully make it more inviting and informative. Currently, the council has two web designers who have given us ideas and estimates on costs. We are looking for one or two people to help manage the website, and also input. Could this be you? Contact David Richards.

Servants for Sunday, September 24th

Greeters Joe & Barb **Prayer Room:** Ken

Foyer Monitor: Rachel **Scripture Reader:** Rachel

Cookies: Helen, Faye, Lorraine **E-Street Taxi:** Ida

Sunday School Observer: Jerry

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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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