



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Whose Words Can You Trust?

Psalm 12

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Senior Pastor Scott Roberts
Associate Pastor Ethan Rogers

Order of Worship

Your Grace Is Enough

Revelation Song

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 119

Oceans

Word of God Speak

Lord I Need You

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Ancient Words

Prayer

Speak O Lord

Scripture Reading (Lisa DeSalvo) Psalm 12

Message Whose Words Can You Trust?

Communion

I Will Rise

Benediction

Because He Lives (Amen)

The Lord's Supper, which we celebrate today, is a way for the Christian to remember the sacrifice of Christ. If you have not yet believed in Christ as Savior, we invite you to watch and learn. We are glad you are here! If you have questions about Jesus, please see Pastor Ethan after the worship service. *The bread we use is allergen free and contains no wheat, dairy, nuts or soy. However, it may contain egg.*



God is Moving Mountains

BURKINA FASO: CATHOLIC PRIEST ABDUCTED

...four and a half years missing.

On Sunday 17 March 2019 gunmen – presumed to be Islamic jihadists – ambushed and abducted Father Père Joël Yougbaré, a priest with the Parish of Djibo in Burkina Faso’s terrorist-infested northern Sahel Region. The priest had travelled from Djibo to Bottogui to celebrate the Mass there, but never returned. There has been no news of him ever since.

Background Information

Burkina Faso (63 percent Muslim; 31.5 percent Christian) has long been known for its harmony and religious openness. Today, however, authorities in the capital Ouagadougou admit that 40 percent of the country is now outside government control. Across the north and the east, Islamic jihadists aligned with al-Qaeda and Islamic State kill, abduct, loot, torch and enforce their writ with impunity. Terrorists control the roads and have destroyed telecommunication networks. Outside the main cities, Christian schools, clinics, and churches have been forced to close. There are reports of jihadists invading Christian worship and forcing Christians to conform to Islamic norms and listen to Islamic sermons. Pastors cannot access most villages, meaning most villagers across the north and east are living amidst terror without pastoral care or services.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the whereabouts of Father Père to come to light.
2. Pray for the Lord to soften the heart of Father Père’s abductors, that he will have an opportunity to share the Gospel with them.
3. Pray the believers in Burkina Faso to be encouraged by Father Père’s example of steadfast and unwavering faith in the Lord.

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:

Debra R Mona Don & Darlys David & Ida

Today’s Offering

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

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 12
Whose Words Can You Trust?

I. A culture of lies

A. *The Peace Child*

B. Our world

II. The problem

A. The godly are gone (Ps 12:1, Heb 11:5)

B. The faithful have vanished (Ps 12:1)

C. False speech (Ps 12:2)

D. The poor are plundered (Ps 12:5)

E. The needy groan (Ps 12:5)

III. The request

A. Save – the psalmist cries on behalf of the people.
(Ps 12:1)

B. Cut off their relationship with you (Ps 12:3, Gen
17:14)

IV. God's response

A. I will rise and make my people secure (Ps 12:5)

B. The Gospel

V. The godly person's assurance

A. God's words are pure (Ps 12:6-7, Ps 119, 2Tim 3:16-17)

B. Jesus said he was the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6)

Announcements

FRIENDSHIP CLASS NEED: Friendship is seeking one female mentor to lead/help at a small group table on the 2nd and 4th Monday evening meetings. Could it be you? If interested, or for more information, contact Tanya.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/HELPERS NEEDED: Pastor Ethan has been busy gathering materials, and he is ready to assign teachers to classes. Please help him finish getting ready by choosing the dates you would like to serve and adding your name to the notebook in the foyer. Thank you!

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.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING: The Lynden Choral Society will host a community hymn sing on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. It will be held at First CRC, 1010 Front St., Lynden. The King's Men of Song also will be taking part in the event.

COMBINED SERVICE TONIGHT AT SECOND: Second Christian Reformed Church invites you to a special service of worship and the Word at 6 pm this evening. Lord willing, Ben deRegt will deliver a message from Psalm 114 entitled *Why?*. An offering will be received in the box in the lobby for World Renew Disaster Relief. We'd love to have you stay for pie and coffee following the service! Nursery provided.

Servants for Sunday, September 10th

Greeters Doug & Winnie **Prayer Room:** Chuck

E-Street Taxi: Doug S **Foyer Monitor:** Jay

Cookies: Jolene, Ruth, Elaine

Scripture Reader: Bekah

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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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