



HOPE <sup>IN</sup> CHRIST  
CHURCH

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A Christian Reformed Church

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

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

Sermon Scripture: Deuteronomy 12:1 - 14:21  
*The Second Commandment*

**OCTOBER 29, 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***

**Prelude:** Mitchell and Rochelle - Enable Me

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

**Deuteronomy 12:29-32, Psalm 34:1-7**

*Create in Me*

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5**

**Prayer of Confession/Assurance**

*In Christ Alone*

*Bind Us Together*

**Congregational Prayer**

**Deuteronomy 12:1-4, 8-12**

**Sermon** Second Commandment

*Undivided Heart*

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Mitchell and Rochelle

## ***God is Moving Mountains***

### **INDONESIA: ISLAMISTS PROTEST IN SOUTH SULAWESI**

On Friday 6 October a large crowd of fundamentalist Muslims – including members of the banned Islamic Defenders Front – marched through Parepare, a port city in South Sulawesi, eastern Indonesia. They marched to the office of the district representative council where they protested the council's decision to grant permission for a Christian school in the majority Muslim city. The Gamaliel Christian Education Foundation's application to build Gamaliel Christian School in Parepare was approved precisely because the school had passed all requirements and obtained all the required permits. However, the intimidation worked and the council promised to revoke the permit. Such activity has been common on Java for decades. But South Sulawesi is not Javanese, and nine percent of the population is Christian. Clearly, Islamisation is both growing and spreading.

***Please pray*** the Lord will continue to build his Church in Indonesia, from Aceh in the west through to Papua in the east, may the Lord's name be praised! (RLPB 716)

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts  
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### ***Servants for Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters:** Joe P, Gina

**E-Street Taxi:** Joe P

**Communion Prep:** Hildred, Rachel

**Foyer Monitor:** Jay

**Prayer Room:** Evelyn

**Cookies:** Ida, Jen R, Rockelle

### ***Today's Offering***

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

## *The Second Commandment*

- I. How big a deal are worship practices?
  
- II. Worship only in the one place God chooses (Dt. 12:1-32)
  - A. Destroying and eradicating all false religion (Dt. 12:1-4, Isa 21:9)
  
  - B. Worship where God chooses, how God chooses (Dt 12:5-11, 1Kin 12:25ff)
    1. Eat and rejoice before God as entire households (Dt 12:7, 12)
      - a. Rejoicing
  
      - b. Family
  
      - c. Workers in the house
  
      - d. Levites - Spiritual workers God had appointed
  
    2. Regarding eating specifically
      - a. In worship (Dt 12:14, 17-18, 21, 26-28)
  
      - b. In regular life, food was to be eaten of many other things but not everything but no blood (Dt 12:15-16, 20, 22-23-25)
  
    3. Not doing your own thing, but conforming to God's direction (Dt 12:8)
  
  - C. Warning to obey (Dt 12:28)

## Deuteronomy 12:1 - 14:21

### III. NT Parallel

- A. But Jerusalem wasn't the point. (Rom 12:1, Jn 4:23-24)
  
- B. Worship with the church, don't neglect to gather together (Heb 10:25, HC 98)
  
- C. Worship shall still be a joyful occasion.
  
- D. False worship is still a big deal – syncretism, half-hearted commitments, be careful lest we be the wrong soil.
  
- E. Purity of mouth matters. (Dt 14:21, Mt 15:11)
  
- F. All of this is possible because of the Holy Spirit (HC 115, Phil 2:13)

## ***Announcements***

**FROM FRIENDSHIP CLASS:** Are you curious what the small cross on stage draped with golden fabric is for? Each piece of fabric has a burden/pain/struggle noted on it by someone at Friendship. We each took our 'burden' and laid it on the cross, remembering that God hears our groaning. He wants us to take our burdens and lay them on him.

**WARNING: The following activity may be addictive.** The long-standing Thursday, 6:30-7:45 a.m. men's discussion group would be delighted to have you stop in to check-out our informal, lively discussions and some ribbing in the church foyer every Thursday. Beginning Nov. 1st, we'll take up a discussion of MARK's Gospel account, a chapter at a time. Come observe/participate with no pressure to become a regular. Sorry, no pajama apparel allowed!

**LAST CHANGE REGISTRATION!:** Final reminder for all women 16 and older to register for the *Women Under Stress Seminar* on November 11 here at Hope in Christ! We hope you will join us for this useful seminar and be encouraged! Call Marjie for registration details at (360) 733-6177.

**VITALITY TEAM NEWS:** Our current Vitality Team is retiring, making way for the next one-year volunteer Vitality Team. Vitality seeks to promote a healthy missional church community via resources such as the communication seminars, Pulse surveys, "welcome" packet for newcomers...and whatever ideas, proposals, initiatives the team deems worthwhile. Would you consider being a member of our next Vitality Team? If you are interested, contact any current Vitality Team member, Pastor Scott, or Council member.

**ORGAN RECITAL:** Dutch organist Peter Wildeman presents his second annual organ recital at First Presbyterian Church, 1031 North Garden Street, Bellingham on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Donation offering to benefit the Lighthouse Mission. Also features the King's Men of Song directed by Gerald Rutgers. This family friendly organ recital includes audience singing. All ages welcome. Details: 360-734-5510/fpcbellingham.org.

**LOVE INC FUNDRAISER:** Love INC (In the Name of Christ) in Whatcom County is having its annual celebration and fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest Baptist Church in Bellingham. To RSVP or to connect with this important ministry to those who need help, visit <https://www.whatcomloveinc.org/connect>.

## ***Council Members and Districts***

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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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