



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Christians Should Expect to Be Persecuted

NOVEMBER 5, 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

Opening Songs

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading

Sermon Christians Should Expect to Be Persecuted

Communion

Songs of Response

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 Scott 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

NIGERIA: BLASPHEMY IN BAUCHI

On 27 November 2023 a court in Northern Nigeria's Bauchi State will hear a 'No-Case Submission' filed by lawyers defending Mrs Rhoda Jatau (45). In May 2022, Jatau – a Christian healthcare worker, married with five children – was arrested on a vexatious blasphemy charge. She has been in jail ever since, unable to get bail as judges fear further Islamic rioting. Every time her defence lawyers move to have their no-case submission heard, the hearing is postponed. In early August multiple religious freedom advocacy groups protested the situation in a joint-letter to the Nigerian government. In early October the letter was made public after the Nigerian government failed to respond. On 16 October Judge Fatima Jibrin ruled that the 'No-Case Submission' will be considered on 27 November. The stakes are high. Please pray sustain and protect Mrs Rhoda Jatau, her husband Adamu and their five children, along with all those who are working to secure justice and liberty in this case, and Christian freedom and security in the state. May the Lord provide their every need and keep them safe. (RLPB 717)

For more information, contact Rebekah Roberts
Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org

Servants for Sunday, November 12th

Greeters: Joe & Barb Z

E-Street Taxi: Doug S

Prayer Room: Ken

Cookies: Jan, Joanne, Rochelle

Foyer Monitor: Rachel

Today's Offering

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

Sermon Notes

Announcements

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CHANGE: The ladies will meet with Ruth on Thursday the 9th this week instead of their usual Wednesday time.

BUTTER BRAIDS SALE: GEMS will be selling Butter Braid Pastries and assorted cookie dough again in time for Christmas and New Year's celebrations. There will be a sign -up sheet on the foyer table to order. The funds will be used to support a student at the Esther School in Zambia.

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.

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.

THRIFT STORE IS OPEN, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Summit Thrift Store is now open and is needing volunteer help. The store is located at 404 Front St., Lynden, and is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please consider volunteering and joining in this ministry. No experience is necessary. Sign up on the website summitthriftstore.org. The store is raising funds to support the Summit Houses run by Envision Mission.

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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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