



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**

Choose Life, Not Death

*Deuteronomy 29-30*

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

Pastor Scott Roberts

## ***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***



*Living Waters/As the Deer*

### **Welcome and Greeting**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 121

*Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

*Beautiful Savior*

*Goodness of God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Lord I Need You*

### **Prayer Time**

**Deuteronomy 29:1-21, 30:15-20** Reader Reid McEvoy

**Sermon** Choose Life, Not Death

*Christ our Hope in Life and Death*

### **Benediction**

*The Blessing*

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

### **Pray For Forgotten Believers**

Christians who, through their witness or advocacy, become an irritant to religious or political tyrants routinely end up jailed, dead, or disappeared/missing. There are many more victims than we will ever know; fortunately, however, they are known to God – their plight, fate and whereabouts cannot hidden from HIM who loves us (Romans 8:35-39). It is not known if the following missing Christians are dead or alive. Regardless, their loved ones need to know the truth. Please choose a case and pray that the Lord will intervene to either liberate the captive(s) or illuminate the truth concerning their fate and whereabouts. *Lord have mercy!*

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty  
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### ***Servants for Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>***

**Greeters:** Winnie, Darryl      **E-Street Taxi:** Reid

**Cookies:** Marilyn, Avis, Ev      **Foyer Monitor:** Mike

**Sunday School Observer:** Doug K

**Communion Prep:** Diane, Katie, Sarah

***Today's Offering*** is for the General Fund.  
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

## Sermon Outline

### Choose Life, Not Death Deuteronomy 29-30

- I. The importance of Keys
  - A. The key verses today are found in Dt 30:15, 19
  
  - B. The biblical view of life is binary
  
  - C. As people, we don't like this kind of dichotomy
  
  - D. To understand the options, let's look at 2 sets of words –
    - 1. life, good, blessing
  
    - 2. death, evil, curse
  
- II. What is Life?
  - A. Life is biological life (Gen 47:8)
  
  - B. This life is paralleled by the words good and blessing
    - 1. Good describes something that aligns with God's intent and fulfills God's designed purpose.
  
    - 2. Blessing is the declaration that God is with you and for you (Gen 27:34, 38)

C. The way to life is defined in Dt 30:16- *obedience* (Dt 30:11-14, 29:16-18)

D. The offer of life, blessing and goodness was held out to Israel as they sat on the E. side of the Jordan, but it was also extended to all the descendants of Israel. (Dt 30:2-3, 20)

### III. What is Death?

A. The way of death is defined in Dt 30:17-18

B. Death is the cessation of biological life (Gen 2:17)

C. It is paralleled with evil and cursed

1. Evil opposes God's intentions. (Gen 6:5, Num 14:27)

2. Cursed (Dt 11:26-28)

### IV. Bringing it to the present

A. What does all of this mean for us today?

B. Applications we can learn from

1. Heed God's warning to the sinner (Dt 29:19-20, Heb 10:26-28)

2. It is never too late to repent and return to God (Dt 30:2, 6, 1Jn 1:9)

3. Rejoice that God reaches us in the new covenant (Jer 31:33)

## ***Announcements***

**Tena Crosby on March 9 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.** Do you want to be more effective in sharing your faith with others? We believe that the four communication muscles each contribute an essential part when we share the wonder of Jesus with people. We need to recognize the kinds of questions people are asking in order to share the message of hope in a way that connects with those who are hearing. Come and join us on Saturday, March 9 to learn how each muscle contributes to an effective gospel witness. Lunch will be provided. Childcare is available for children under 12; older children may attend with their parents. Online registration may be found by scanning this QR code.



**From the Vanderpol Family:** We would like to thank all of you for your wonderful help and support through the years of Don's illness. Without that love and support we would have felt lost and alone on our journey. With you and our precious Lord and Saviour, we never felt alone or forsaken, but uplifted, loved and supported. Thank you so much for all that love, what a blessing you were in our lives. Thank you for all the help we received when Don passed away and we needed to plan his "Celebration of Life" service. There were so many wonderful people helping us in so many ways, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The family truly appreciated each and every helping hand. We'll never forget Don, he will always be in our hearts. We'll never forget his smile and fantastic laugh the joy and laughter he brought to our lives. Thank you for Celebrating his life with us, God bless and be with each of you, never forget he loved you and we love you. Love, Tena, Dave, Vicky, Brian and Kelsey and Family

### **India Missions Night - March 21, 6-8 pm at Hope in Christ Church**

Legacy's team leader for Project 92 will be here, sharing about what God is doing in India. Come hear the stories about the challenges our churches and pastors are facing, God's faithfulness in the midst of persecution, how the gospel is advancing amongst unreached peoples, and how we can continue to partner with these dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. We will be enjoying some authentic Indian food and there is a suggested donation of \$20 per plate. We will also be taking a special offering that will go directly to the ministry efforts in India. Register by March 10 by using the link in your Friday email from HCC, or go to Legacy's website and click on "signups."

## ***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.



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