



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**

*Jesus' Terrible Warning to Believers*

Matthew 7:21-23, Luke 10:1, 17-20

**MARCH 3, 2024**

Guest Pastor Don Recker  
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.

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## ***Order of Worship***

*Opening Song*

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*Songs of Praise*

**Prayer**

**Sermon** Jesus' Terrible Warning to Believers

**Scripture** Matthew 7:21-23 and Luke 10:1, 17:20

**Communion**

*Closing Song*

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**T**he 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 Don Recker 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***

### **Vietnam's Intent to Control Religion**

The Vietnamese communist party on Dec. 29, 2023 made public Decree 95, and on that date also announced that the laws in the decree would be going into effect on March 30, 2024. This decree was passed before any public consultation was made on it and is trying to be framed as a series of laws that support and encourage religious freedom. Decree 95 is replacing Decree 162 and the punishment decree that was already in place, but it adds 8 more articles, and 3 extra forms religious groups must fill out to the ones already in existence. Decree 95 adds two specific additions that should be taken note of. The first addition includes 10 measures on shutting down and “rehabilitating” activities of religious groups and education institutions to meet government regulations. The second addition is in articles 25-27 and include new requirements for complete and prompt fundraising and financial reporting of foreign aid and support. **Please pray for the churches in Vietnam as they face figuring out how to navigate these new regulations.**

### **Additional Prayer Requests**

1. Pray the pastors in Vietnam will find creative ways to be able to continue working in ministry with the new government regulations.
2. Pray for the Vietnamese government to be blinded to the activities of the church in the country.
3. Pray the believers in Vietnam will find ways to share the Gospel with government officials so that the government is transformed from the inside out.

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty  
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### ***Today's Offering***

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

## ***Announcements***

**Tena Crosby on March 9 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 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.



**CRC Denominational Survey:** Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2024 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/7808](https://crcna.org/survey/7808) to answer the survey questions by March 31.

**Dordt Choir Coming To Lynden:** The Dordt University Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM at the Third Christian Reformed Church in Lynden. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Montana, Washington, British Columbia, Idaho, and South Dakota. Directed by Dr. Ryan Smit, the Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a wide variety of music including hymn arrangements; spirituals; songs from other cultures; standards of the choral repertoire by Sweelinck and Hassler; and newer modern works by Shawn Kirchner, Jake Runestad, Dan Forrest, Elaine Hagenberg, Kim André Arnesen, Patrick Vu, and others. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

### ***Servants for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters:** Jerry, Tena      **E-Street Taxi:** Reid  
**Scripture Reader:** Cain      **Prayer Room:** Needed  
**Cookies:** Connie, Melissa, Winnie

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

**Council President:** David Richards (360-961-0459)

**Elder Chairperson:** Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

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## **SERMON NOTES**

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