



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The God Who Speaks

Hebrews 1:1-2

MARCH 10, 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

Ancient of Days

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 130

Ancient Words

Be Thou My Vision

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Speak, O Lord

Prayers of the People

Hebrews 1:1-2 Reader, Cain Orr

Sermon The God Who Speaks

Jesus Over Everything

Benediction

Good and Gracious King



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

God is Moving Mountains

Arrested, Appealed, Denied

Pastor Acharya has been arrested three different times on different charges. His first arrest happened in March 2020 where he was charged with spreading false rumors that prayer could heal the coronavirus. After posting bail he was rearrested in April 2020 on charges of outraging religious feelings and proselytizing. He again posted bail and was arrested for the third time in May 2020 and was put in prison. In July 2022 the High court in the Jumla region of Nepal, upheld the charges from the district court, but reduced the two year prison sentence to one year and decreased the fine. In 2023 Pastor Acharya tried to appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court, but on January 23, 2024 the Supreme Court denied the appeal and ordered his prison sentence to begin. There are no provisions for reappealing to the Supreme Court. Pastor Acharya's next step is to request his prison sentence to be converted to a fine instead, the success of this attempt will be dependent on the judge assigned to hear the request.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Pastor Acharya's prison sentence to be converted to a fine.
- Please Pray for Pastor Acharya's family as they live through the uncertainty of not knowing what is going to happen to their father/husband.
- Pray for the believers in Nepal to be encouraged to stand firm as they walk alongside Pastor Acharya in this process.

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty

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Servants for Sunday, March 17th

Greeters: Ida

E-Street Taxi: Cain

Cookies: Tanya, Lisa D

Foyer Monitor: Doug K

Sunday School Observer: David R.

Scripture Reading: Jen R.

Sermon Outline

The God Who Speaks

Hebrews 1:1-2

- I. Ingmar Bergman's *The Silence*
- II. Scripture is the record of God speaking
 - A. From the opening pages of Genesis, the thing that jumps off the page is that God speaks (Gen 1, 3:8, 4:6-7, 6:13, etc)
 - B. It's not a fairy tale but a faithful record (Heb 1:1)
 - C. Hebrews is a hermeneutics textbook on understanding Jesus as the fulfillment of the OT
 1. He is a better communicator than the angelic messengers (ch 2)
 2. He is a better prophet than Moses (ch 3)
 3. He is a better rest than the weekly sabbath (ch 4)
 4. He is a better priest-king than Melchizedek (ch 5-7)
 5. He is a better sacrifice than the OT sacrifices (ch 9)
 - D. God has spoken to them and he has spoken to us. (Heb 1:1-2)

III. So how much better is it to be on this side of the AD/BC calendar date line?

A. Infinitely better to listen to the Son

1. Long ago – Last days
2. The words of one's last days matter

B. Don't downplay the Son's importance, he is:

1. Heir of all things (Heb 1:2, Ps 2:8)
2. Creator of the world (Heb 1:2)
3. He is the alpha and omega

IV. Applying this to our lives – Learn to savor the Word

Announcements

LAST DAY TO REGISTER! India Missions Night - March 21, 6-8 pm

Legacy Church's team leader for Project 92 will be at HCC, sharing about what God is doing in India. Come hear the stories about the challenges 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 today, March 10, by using the link in your Friday email from HCC, or go to Legacy's website and click on "signups."

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 to answer the survey questions by March 31.

Vendor Booths Available at LC Event: The Lynden Christian Artisan and Vendor Market will be held April 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and booth space is still available. Admission is free and you'll be able to shop a diverse group of more than 60 local artisans, crafters, and direct-sales vendors. The market will utilize the entire high school gym, allowing for wider walkways for loyal shoppers and larger booth options for vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor or for more information, contact Rachel Hernes at rhernes@lynchs.org.

Thrift Store Update: The Summit Thrift Store at 404 Front St. in Lynden is now open Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and accepts donations during business hours each day in the alley behind the store. Be sure to ring the doorbell in the back and an attendant will assist you with your donations. The store is still in need of volunteers; no experience is necessary. For more information or to volunteer, call (360) 312-4105 or visit 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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