



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Danger of Spiritual Apathy

Hebrews 2:1-4

MARCH 24, 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

Hosanna in the Highest

All Glory Laud and Honor

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 118:19-29

Is He Worthy?

Cornerstone

Be Thou My Vision

Confession Litany

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Prayer Time

Hebrews 2:1-4 Reader, Don Recker

Sermon The Danger of Spiritual Apathy

By Faith

Benediction

Benediction (May the Peace of God)



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

God is Moving Mountains

Egypt Government Protects Kidnappers

Shehata, a 21-year-old student disappeared on Jan. 22 between mid-term exams in Egypt. In February she managed to make a desperate, tearful call to her brother and begged him either to rescue her or consider her dead, as she told him her location a man seized the phone. Shehata's brother heard her screaming, someone was yelling at her, and then the call ended. Having learned her location, the family went and reported the phone call and her location to police. The police officers threatened to arrest the family if they tried to rescue her and warned them that the kidnappers were armed. On Feb. 21, police told her family that the kidnappers had moved her to an unknown place. Security officials have been dismissive and hostile to Shehata's family, telling her father that she ran off with a Muslim man of her own free will, an obvious lie. The officials know exactly where Shehata is, the father said in an interview on social media, but refuse to act or let her family speak or meet with her. On Feb. 29 electronic records were released which showed the religion field on her national ID had been changed to "Muslim", a legal change that was done against her will. Six other Christian girls or women have also "disappeared" from the area in one recent month. The Islamist kidnapping rings arrange for a Muslim leader to make conversion official, issuing a certificate and changing the religion designation on their national ID, the report stated. ***Please Pray Shehata will cling firmly to Christ and find her peace and comfort in him.***

Additional Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the family of Shehata to turn to Christ for their hope as they wait for their daughter/sisters return, not knowing where she is right now.
2. Pray for the Christian girls in Egypt who have been kidnapped and forced into marriages and conversions to Islam against their will.
3. Pray the police officers in Egypt will seek justice for all and not discriminate against Christians.

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty
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Sermon Outline
The Danger of Spiritual Apathy
Hebrews 2:1-4

- I. The dangers of not paying attention
 - A. Driving

 - B. The danger of going into autopilot

 - C. Thermodynamics

- II. Attention vs. drifting (Heb 2:1)
 - A. Christ's preeminent position is our motivation

 - B. We must pay much closer attention
 - 1. Autopilot happens when
 - a. We get up and do our Christian routine without really communing with Jesus
 - b. We read the Word but don't apply it to our lives.
 - c. We go to church on Sunday, talk to the same people we always talk to, sit in the same place, and fail to engage with the new person God has brought across our path.

 - 2. The word as "much closer attention" is also translated as
 - a. "Devote yourselves" to something in 1Tim 4:13,
 - b. and as "being addicted" to something in 1Tim 3:8.

 - 3. Attention, devotion, and addiction

 - 4. Be closely attentive to the message and messenger of life!

III. Here is why this matters – Lest we drift away from it.

A. Drifting

1. Mission drift
2. Christians can be sidetracked, and lose their focus, and mission.

B. Punishment (Heb 2:2-3a)

1. Appeal and corollary to OT Revelation
2. Even Christians can't escape ignoring/disobeying God (Ps 139:8)
3. In Christ we have a great salvation.
 - a. Jesus is our horn of salvation (Lk 1:69)
 - b. He is our salvation from our enemies (Lk 1:71)
 - c. He is the way of salvation (Act 4:12)

IV. Conclusion and application

- A. So where is the message of Jesus Christ being ignored in your life?
- B. Where are you failing to put into practice his words?
- C. Don't fall prey to a generic form of Christianity, an apathetic form.
- D. Jesus supplies us gifts so we can walk closely to him.

Announcements

Resonate Global Mission Offering: The deacons would like to send the offering that will be received on Easter Sunday, March 31, to Resonate Global Mission. If you would like to know more about what Resonate does, check online at resonateglobalmission.org. Please write "Resonate Global Mission" on the memo line of your check on the 31st if you would like to participate.

Sunday School Teacher Needed: Please consider signing up to teach the grade school class some time during April and May. There is a binder with a signup sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions, please call Ida Richards at 360-201-7312.

Holy Week: Holy week takes place this year beginning with Palm Sunday today, and concluding with Easter next Sunday. This year at Hope in Christ, we will have our usual Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services (9:30am), along with a Good Friday service at 7 p.m., March 29. We will celebrate The Lord's Supper on Good Friday and Easter.

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.

LC Dinner and Pops Concert: The Lynden Christian High School dinner and pops concert will be held April 26 and 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the LC Middle School gym. Hear the LC mixed choir (freshmen), concert choir, and chamber choir while enjoying a pulled pork and baked potato dinner with dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. To order tickets, visit <https://gofan.co/app/school/WA23258?activity=Performing Arts>.

Easter Afterglow Service: Sumas CRC invites you to join brothers and sisters in Christ for the annual Easter Afterglow service next Sunday, March 31, at 6 p.m. There will be an opportunity to praise God together, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and share in the ministry of Envision Mission through giving.

Servants for Sunday, March 31st

Greeters: Tena V, another needed **E-Street Taxi:** Doug S

Cookies: Jolene, Elaine, Ruth **Foyer Monitor:** Jack

Scripture Reader: Cain

Council Members and Districts

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

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

Deacon Chairperson: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

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Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

District - Last name D to Ka

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

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Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

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District - Last name S to Z

Elder: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

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Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

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Safe Church Coordinator: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Health Minister: Alice Brakke (360-671-2155)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.: Closed

Tues., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday: noon - 3 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

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