



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Kingdom Culture

James 2:1-13

APRIL 28, 2024

Guest Pastor Mitchell Senti

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



Shout to the Lord / What a Beautiful Name

Call to Worship Psalm 23

Goodness of God

He Will Hold Me Fast

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

G.E.M.S. Presentation

Prayer

Sermon Scripture James 2:1-13

Sermon Kingdom Culture

Build Your Kingdom Here

Benediction

The Lord Almighty Reigns

Today's Offering is for G.E.M.S..
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

Announcements

ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS: The following members are being presented by Council as candidates for Elder: Clair Abee, Michael Boer, Glen Hendricks, Jay Kaemingk and Ken Wick; and for Deacon: Hildred Abee, and Gina Nicolaas.

During the congregational meeting on May 12, a vote will be taken to accept or reject the slate of names presented by council. On May 19, we will draw lots and the Holy Spirit will select our next Elders and Deacons. We give thanks to Lou Kooistra and Don Recker for their service as Elders, and to Mike Button for his service as Deacon.

LISA DESALVO'S MEMORIAL SERVICE: A service to celebrate Lisa's life will be held here on Saturday, May 11th at 3:00 p.m.

REQUEST FROM THE HOSPITALITY TEAM: If anyone puts items in either fridge, whether for yourself or a group that you represent, please label and put the date that it was opened. Sunday, two bags of grated cheese were thrown away; unable to use because of mold. Also, a reminder that if anyone is not gluten-free or dairy-free, please do not take any of the cookies that are labeled GF/DF. Thank you, Hospitality Gals.

WHATCOM PREGNANCY CLINIC WALK FOR LIFE: The Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic Walk for Life will be held May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon starting at Grace Church, 3220 Meridian St., Bellingham. Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship while supporting a great cause. For more information, call (360) 671-9057 or visit www.walkwcpc.com

Servants for Sunday, May 5th

Communion Prep: Diane, Katie

Greeters: Jerry, Darryl

E-Street Taxi: Alice

Cookies: Connie, Melissa, Winnie

Prayer Room: Chuck

Scripture Reader: Don R

Foyer Monitor: Mike Button

Hunted and Beaten

Aayatu was assaulted twice in Gupanpal village, for refusing to recant his Christian faith. He managed to escape into the jungle on both occasions, but his father, Mangu was unable to outrun the second assault. Aayatu said, “The mob stopped beating him after he passed out, and his assailants thought he was dead.” He and his wife and father have not returned home since taking refuge at a secure place on Feb. 12. The couple has two daughters, ages 7 and 4. Aayatu and his wife cannot go back home to see their children because the assailants are on the watch, eyeing the house, waiting for their return. His father was released from a government hospital after receiving care for critical injuries for 16 days and is still being treated at a private medical center.

Mangu still has pain in his chest and breathing difficulty. On the morning of Feb. 12, villagers gathered in front of Aayatu house and told him to relocate to another village if he would not turn away from his faith in Christ. He responded, “Where will I go? My forefathers lived in this village, and I am born and brought up here. This is my home.”

The mob then assaulted Aayatu, thankfully his wife and children somehow managed to free him from the assailants and fled toward the jungle where he stayed several hours as 15-20 men looked for him. When the mob returned to the village, they found his father and beat him till he was unconscious.

Additional Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the full and complete healing of Mangu.
2. Pray the Lord will use Aayatu to bring the Gospel to his village and that the leaders there will enter into a saving relationship with the Lord.
3. Pray for peace and trust for Aayatu’s wife and children as they live with the constant threat against Aayatu and never know when the next attack will happen.

<https://christianresponse.org/news/christian-family-in-india-beaten-separated-from-children/>

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

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Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

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Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

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Elder: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

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