



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**

The Penetrating Word of God

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

**MAY 5, 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***

*Opening Song*

**Call to Worship**

*Songs of Praise*

**Hebrews 4:12-13** Reader, Don Recker

**Sermon** The Penetrating Word of God

Communion

*Songs of Worship*

**Benediction**

*Closing Song*



**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 Scott after the worship service.

*The bread we use is allergen free and contains no wheat, dairy, nuts*



# ***God is Moving Mountains***

## **Salvation and Death**

On March 8 Muslim extremists ambushed and killed an evangelist from Kenya and severely injured three others from Uganda. The four Christian workers were returning after a four-day outreach in Kenya when 10 Muslims blocked their return by placing stones in front of their motorcycles. The attackers began asking many questions and the evangelists explained that their campaigns were not meant to be dialogues about Islam and Christianity targeting Muslims but merely imparting the Good News of Christ. The discussion began getting more tense, and then one of the Muslims got hold of one of the evangelists, Ismail, and pierced him with a sharp knife on the neck, chest and in the stomach. He sustained terrible wounds on the head and fell down bleeding. The other Muslims tore the Bibles to pieces and began assaulting members of the team.

They started screaming, wailing, and calling for help and there came a vehicle as well as some people living close by. The attackers fled and the arriving helpers took the team to a nearby hospital, where Ismail was pronounced dead. Some of the team are still receiving treatment for injuries. During their outreach, several Muslims put their faith in Christ, including two prominent men in the community and a wealthy woman who had previously sponsored Islamic activities.

## **Additional Prayer Requests**

- 1) Pray for the continued healing of the team members who are still experiencing complications from the attack.
- 2) Pray for the family of Ismail to have peace and forgiveness as they mourn the loss of a loved one.
- 3) Pray the Lord will work in the country of Kenya and claim it as a nation that declares the name of the Lord.

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty  
[Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org](mailto:Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org)

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

## Sermon Outline

### The Penetrating Word of God

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

#### I. Penetrating oils

A. Shop oils

B. Essential oils

C. What does that have to do with Hebrews 4:12-13?

1. The Word of God is described as

2. Living (Mt 16:16, Jn 4:10-11)

3. Active (Phil 6, 1Cor 16:8-9)

4. Sharp

5. Penetrating

6. Revealing

7. That could be absolutely terrifying for some (Heb 4:13)

#### II. Options for the Word of God

A. God's spoken words (Heb 3:7-4:13)

B. God's written words

C. Jesus Christ (Heb 4:12-13, Rev 19:13)

### III. Application

A. If this is ultimately about Jesus as the Word of God, does that somehow render the promises of God, or the word of God unimportant? (2Cor 1:20, 2Tim 3:16-17)

B. If this is about Jesus, what does that mean for the sins I keep doing in secret?

1. They are not secret
2. Your sins are seen by Jesus – clearly
3. Jesus will slay your sins or he will slay you

C. Resting in Christ

## ***Announcements***

**FOOD FOR LISA'S MEMORIAL: A service to celebrate Lisa's life will be held here on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** The Hospitality Team is asking for donations of cookies, breads and/or bars. Remember to label everything "For Lisa's service". They can be delivered anytime during that week, ahead of Saturday, preferably to the kitchen area or brought to the office. It would also help if the breads were sliced ahead of time and placed in the fridge to stay fresh. Thank you for honoring Lisa in this way. *The Hospitality Team*

**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.

**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](http://www.walkwcpc.com).

### ***Servants for Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters:** Clair, Hildred

**Cookies:** Ev, Katie, Tanya

**Scripture Reader:** Damon

**E-Street Taxi:** Doug

**Foyer Monitor:** Rachel

**Sunday School Observer:** Jerry

## ***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)

### **District - Last name A to C**

Elder: Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

### **District - Last name D to Ka**

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

### **District - Last name Kn to N**

Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

### **District - Last name O to R**

Elder: Mark Ruiten (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Mike Button (360-739-5435)

### **District - Last name S to Z**

Elder: Don Recker (360-393-4179)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

### **District - Council Members**

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

**Custodian:** Don Recker (509-949-7441)

**Worship:** Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

**GEMS:** Darlys Recker (360-393-4179)

**Friendship:** Tanya Obbink (360-393-5171)

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

**Health Minister:** Alice Brakke (360-920-8123)

## **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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