



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Self-Control

Galatians 5:22-23

AUGUST 31, 2025

Pastor Scott Roberts

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad
you have joined us today!



Order of Worship

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Welcome

Call to Worship: Galatians 1:3-5

Precious Lord

Confession & Assurance

Amazing Grace

You Are My Hiding Place

Apostles Creed

Prayer

Galatians 5:22-23

Sermon: Self-Control

Take My Life and Let it Be

Benediction

Postlude: Mitch/Rochelle



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



God is Moving Mountains

ICR partners in Southeast Asia have found opportunities in the natural rhythms of life. People are willing to attend the funerals and birthday parties of Christians, even if they aren't believers.

Birthday parties are a natural venue in which to share faith. In South East Asia, a couple attended a Christian child's birthday party with their son. The Christian family's pastor was there, too, and he spent time getting to know the new couple. After spending the whole party together, the couple decided that they, too, wanted to become Christians.

In earlier decades, persecution against Christians in Southeast Asia was worse. Pastors were jailed, Christians were beaten, and families had their land confiscated. Persecution these days includes expulsion from villages, constant pressure, interrogation, harassment, threats, refusal of permits, and occasional arrests. Christian leaders in Southeast Asia recognize this season as a unique window to advance the gospel.

Most of the persecution that happens today is pressuring Christians, rather than overt violence or action.

How to Pray:

1. Praise God for the ways he is drawing people to himself in countries where becoming a Christian is greatly frowned upon.
2. Pray for Christians who are pressured to remain firm in their faith.
3. Pray for those shepherding new congregations, since it is difficult to visit them.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/birthday-parties-and-funerals/>

Sermon Outline

Self-Control

Galatians 5:22-23

1. What is it?

2. What is it not?

3. How do we have it?

4. Gospel

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: A binder with the sign-up sheet for teaching Sunday School is on the credenza. Please take a moment to indicate which dates you'd like to spend with our youth, sharing God's word with them.

BACKGROUND CHECK / SAFE CHURCH: All those who are on council or are helping with Sunday School, GEMS, and/or Friendship will need to sign a release for the annual background check to be completed, and sign a statement of agreement to our Safe Church Policy. Copies of these forms can be found on the counter in the church office and attached to the Friday announcement email. Please hand in completed forms to Tanya.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School will begin on September 7 at 11am.

'MESSIAH' REHEARSALS STARTING: The Lynden Choral Society will begin rehearsals on Sept. 15 for this year's performance of G.F. Handel's "Messiah." Rehearsals will be held at First CRC, 1010 Front St., Lynden, and begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact lyndenchoral@gmail.com or anmhook@frontier.com.

CRC - COMBINED SERVICES: You are invited to the combined CRC evening service at Bethel Christian Reformed Church tonight, August 31, at 6 pm, led by Pastor Bryan Dick. The offering will be taken for Envision Ministries and a nursery will be provided. Following the service, please join us downstairs for coffee and cookies.

SABBATICAL: Pastor Scott will be on a Sabbatical from Aug 31—Sept 30. Please contact your elder or deacon if you need assistance during this time.

Hospitality for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Provide: Needed

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, September 7, 2025

Greeters: Barb, Needed

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Prayer Room: Needed

Communion Prep: Hildred, Rachel

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