



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Samson—5'5" tall; 155 lbs

II Corinthians 12:1-10

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Guest Pastor Don Recker

Welcome!

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



Order of Worship

Everlasting God

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 62:1-2, 11-12

O Church Arise

You Are My All in All

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Litany: Psalm 139:1-12

Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart

Prayer

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Good and Gracious King

Benediction

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



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

God is Moving Mountains

Life in Gaza is difficult. Things are constantly shifting. Where people camp changes, and where people can get food is different almost every day. Much of the food donated from international groups is not getting to the people.

According to an ICR partner, from May to July 2025, more than 1,200 civilians were killed while trying to access food. Some were shot near distribution sites. Others died along aid convoy routes.

Just this week, a Christian leader shared a heartbreaking story he received from a young man he is discipling. The young man went with his 32-year-old cousin to a food distribution site, but only one of them came back. The cousin was shot in the neck and died on the spot.

Almost everyone – 90% of the population – lacks access to clean drinking water. Most families survive on less than three liters per day, which is less than a gallon. Public sanitation has collapsed. Raw sewage runs through crowded streets. Toilets are broken. In the shelters, many girls cannot access basic hygiene and bathroom facilities.

For the displaced families, most of their day is spent searching for basics. Each morning, displaced families divide their efforts:

One person searches for food. Another looks for water. Someone else goes for firewood. Others try to find bathrooms, supplies, or news of aid. Entire days are spent trying to meet the most basic needs. Most aid that arrives is stolen or intercepted before it can reach the people who need it most.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for God to be near to the broken hearted and to save the crushed in spirit who look to him.
2. Pray for the small groups of believers to hold fast to Jesus and spread the good news of hope and peace found only in Him.
3. Pray for God to open doors for Christians seeking to meet the urgent needs of others, that they will share the gospel clearly as they supply for their basic needs.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/hope-in-bleakness/>

Sermon Outline

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Announcements

THANK YOU: Thank you from the Groothuis family for your care, prayer, cards, and phone calls as they mourn the loss of Gloria.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, September 24 the women's Wednesday morning bible study will begin. They meet from 9:45-11am in the HCC foyer on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Through the 12-lesson study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians and Titus, come and anticipate how the Lord will speak into your heart this year. Let Faye, Hildred or Ev know if you'll be joining them and they'll make sure you receive a book.

CHRISTMAS BAKING IN THE FALL: Friendship is celebrating Christmas all fall! Do you enjoy baking? We're looking for Christmassy style snacks on Sept 22, Oct 13, & Oct 27. We also need someone to bake some Gluten & Dairy free sugar cookies that can be used each week (supplies have been purchased for the gf/df cookies). Let Tanya know if you're willing to help with this.

SUMMIT HOUSE CELEBRATION: Come join the Summit House Celebration September 25, 6:30-8pm, at 2nd CRC in Lynden (710 Front St). There will be a couple songs, a short update on Envision, and the celebration of three of the Summit House men completing one year at the Summit House. Desserts will follow the program. Questions? Email info@envisionmision.org.

ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS: The deacons are getting ready to set the budget for next year and they need to hear from you! Please submit your budget requests for next year no later than September 24, and thank you so much for your continual dedication to growing God's kingdom!

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 21, 2025

Provide: Needed

Set-up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean-up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, September 21, 2025

Greeters: David

Scripture Reader: None

Foyer Monitor: Mike

Prayer Room: David

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