



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Jephthah's Sacrifice

Judges 11

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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

Come People of the Risen King

Welcome

Call to Worship - Ephesians 6:10-18

O Church Arise

Jesus With Your Church Arise

Confession and Assurance

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Speak, O Lord

Prayer

Judges 11

Sermon: Jephthah's Sacrifice

How Firm a Foundation

Benediction

Ancient of Days



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



God is Moving Mountains

As the church has been growing over the last two decades, the Islamic government has been doing everything they can to stop Christianity in Iran. This includes arresting leaders, intimidating believers, and closing churches. Christians, especially new converts, are accused of “propaganda against the Islamic Republic,” “acting against national security,” and “colluding with Zionists.”

The government gives new converts three choices: 1) go to jail, 2) leave the country, 3) or return to “the merciful bosom of Allah,” that is, return to Islam and betray fellow Christians by revealing their names.

These decades of heavy persecution haven’t stopped church growth, but they have decimated church leadership. The church in Iran today is full of new believers who haven’t had long to be discipled. The government systematically arrests leaders or pushes them out of the country. That’s why efforts to disciple Iranians from outside the country, often through media, have become essential.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for people who place their faith in Jesus to have their faith mature quickly.
2. Pray for continued access to Bibles, theological training, and leadership development.
3. Pray for Christians who feel marginalized and alone to be comforted.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/midnight-raids-in-iran/>

Sermon Outline
Jephthah's Sacrifice
Judges 11

I. Introduction

II. Jephthah's family background (Judg 11:1, 6:12, 1Sam 16:18)

A. Illegitimate child, ostracized, rejected – great social disadvantage
(Judg 11:2-3)

B. Lessons to glean (1Cor 15:33, Prov 22:24-25)

III. Jephthah's bartering for the chief position (Judg 11:6-11)

A. Desperation in Gilead and Jephthah's skepticism

C. The bargain

D. Lessons to glean (Lk 19:18, Judg 11:13, Josh 13:25)

IV. Jephthah's faith in diplomacy (Judg 11:23-24)

A. Retelling the story of God's Promised Land

B. The Lord is Judge: A bold theological statement (11:27)

V. The vow (Judg 11:29-30, WCF 22)

A. Vows were normal and part of worship in the OT (Gen 28:20, 1Sam 1:11, Acts 18:18, 21:23-24, Lev 27:2, Num 6:2-21, 30:2, Dt 23:21, Ps 50:14, 61:5, Lev 5:4-6)

B. Jephthah's vow—rash, good/evil, legal/illegal—did he have to fulfill it?

C. Two perspectives on what happened to his daughter
(Lev 18:21, Ex 21:25, Judg 11:37, 39)

D. Why Jephthah is included in Hebrews 11:32

VI. Faith is costly

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 16th during the Sunday School hour. Please plan to attend. A vote will be taken to approve the revised budget. A copy of the revised budget is on the credenza and attached to the Friday Announcement email.

GEMS – BUTTERBRAIDS: The GEMS are selling Butter Braids again in time for Thanksgiving. Contact Darlys if interested in ordering, or sign-up at the table in the foyer.

PRAYER PARTNERS: It's the second Sunday! Find your prayer partners during our coffee time and enjoy some time together. Maybe ask what they're thankful for this month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: There will be no youth or adult Sunday School on November 16 (Congregational mtg) and November 30 (Thanksgiving weekend).

PIZZA & DÉCOR PARTY: Come join the fun on November 29 at 6pm as we decorate our building for the Advent season while enjoying pizza and great conversation.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: A special monetary offering will be taken this Thanksgiving to support the Bellingham Food Bank.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: The deacons would like to send care packages from our congregation to our out-of-town college students to encourage them and let them know that we love and miss them. We'll have a table set out containing boxes labeled Grace Roberts, Caleb Roberts, Mattea Ruiter, Chantel Obbink, and Amber Obbink. IDEAS: Encouraging notes, snacks or candy, coffee cards, tiny fun trinkets, --- anything that you'd like to include. **The last date for items is Sunday, November 23.**

Hospitality for Sunday, November 16, 2025

Provide: Needed
Serve: Needed

Set up: Needed
Clean up: Chidubem

Servants for Sunday, November 16, 2025

Greeters: Clair, Hildred
Foyer Monitor: Mike

Scripture Reader: Chidubem
Prayer Room: Needed

Council Members and Districts

Council President: Dan Obbink (360-393-5171)

Elder Chairperson: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon Chairperson: Jenn Boer (360-820-6164)

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Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

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Elder: Jay Kaemingk (360-319-4671)

Deacon: Darlys Recker (509-833-8357)

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Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

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Elder: Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

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District - Council Members

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

Custodian: Don Recker (509-949-7441)

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin items are due on Wednesdays at noon.



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