



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Anticipating the Reign of the King

Psalm 122

NOVEMBER 30, 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

Prelude: Mitch & Rochelle

Here I Am to Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship - Isaiah 40:31

Advent Candle—Hope

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Confession and Assurance

Let Us Break Bread Together

Lord, I Need You

My Chains Are Gone

Nicene Creed

Prayer

Psalm 122

Sermon: Anticipating the Reign of the King, Reader— Cain

They That Wait Upon the Lord

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

Joyce worried about sending her teenage son to the local school. Their family was Christian, but they lived in a predominantly Muslim area. She thought her son, Paul, would be influenced by the people around him. In the evenings, Joyce, Paul, and the rest of their family listened to the Bible on an audio device. They were from an oral culture where storytelling was part of the tradition.

At school, 14-year-old Paul shared the stories he heard with his friends. Then, his friends went home and shared the same stories with their families. Joyce started getting calls from these parents, with questions they had about the stories. Sometimes, a friend would share the story with his Muslim parents, and they would beat him.

Paul said, "I feel bad because it's my fault that they are being beaten, but I cannot stop talking about Jesus."

Eventually, many people became believers, and it changed both the school and the whole village.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for God to draw people to himself as His stories are shared and discussed.
2. Pray for unity among the network of formerly Muslim believers.
3. Pray for God to protect the children and young people.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/beaten-for-sharing-in-uganda/>

Hospitality for Sunday, December 7, 2025

Provide: Faye

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Jerry

Servants for Sunday, December 7, 2025

Greeters: Don R

Scripture Reader: Damon

Foyer Monitor: Clair

Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline
Anticipating the Reign of the King
Psalm 122

I. First Sunday of Advent: Waiting

A. Waiting is hard

B. In ancient times, people had to wait a lot

C. Waiting to worship in the physical presence of God

D. The Psalms of Ascent

II. Rejoicing in the chance to worship in Jerusalem (Ps 122:1-2)

A. The opportunity to go and worship with others

B. Glad is not nearly a strong enough word

C. Jerusalem: the manifestation of God's reign on the earth

D. Jerusalem: The uniting city that brings the disparate tribes together

E. The Thrones of Judgment (Hebrew: Thrones of Mishpat)

1. Mishpat: Judgment, but more than merely a judicial finding
2. Mishpat: Righteousness and fairness (Gen 18:25)
3. Mishpat: Consistency (Judg 6:15, 1Sam 8:9)
4. Mishpat: Conforming life to God's decrees
(Ex 15:25-26, Lev 20:22, 26)
5. All-encompassing concept that affects every aspect of life

F. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! 'May they be secure who love you!'" (Ps 122:6)

III. The Psalm's relevance for us today

- A. We await the return of our King, King Jesus (Isa 9:6-7)
- B. We should be praying for the Church (Heb 12:22, 11:10)

Announcements

YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER: Save the date! December 20, join Brenna, Elisha, and Evan for a Baked Potato Fundraiser as they prepare for their high school mission trip to Guatemala. We'd love your support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: We will not have youth or adult Sunday School today.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: Sunday, December 7 is the last day to add your \$25 gift card donations from Fred Meyers to the basket under the giving tree. Remember to place your gift card in a red envelope that is hanging on the tree. Gift cards will be given to the Summit House residents and families from Sunnyland Elementary School. Any extras will go to Joe to purchase needed coats and blankets for our Hispanic Ministry friends.

NEEDED—SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Beginning January 4, Sunday School teachers are needed for the middle school classes. Teachers are also need for the high school class beginning in March. The sign-up sheet is in a binder on the credenza, or you can contact the office with the dates you would like to teach our youth.

FRIENDSHIP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Mark your calendars—the annual Friendship Fellowship Christmas program is on December 8 at 7pm in our sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH:

1. Melissa Koning invites you to hear a Christmas message of “ Good News of Great Joy” proclaimed by her adorable Bellingham Christian School 1st and 2nd graders. The program will be Friday, December 5 at 6:30pm at Cordata Presbyterian Church. (400 Meadowbrook Ct)
2. Come support Evan Boer and Brenna Koning as they perform in Bellingham Christian High School’s theater performance of “The Curious Savage.” This is a witty and heartfelt comedy about generosity and grief. When kindness looks crazy, maybe you’ve actually found sanity. Shows are Dec 11 at 6:30pm, Dec 12 at 6:30pm, and Dec 13 at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets at bellinghamchristianschool.org or at the door.
3. Come support Abee and Brenna Koning as they help tell the Nativity story through a beautiful dance production at The Mt. Baker Theater on Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16. Shows are at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at mountbakertheatre.com/events-tickets/dfj-nativity

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