



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Did Jesus Have a Pierced Ear?

Psalm 40

DECEMBER 7, 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

Even so Come

Welcome

Advent Candle - Peace

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

He Who is Mighty

Profession of Faith: Brenna Koning

Special Music

Prayer

Psalm 40, Reader - Damon

Sermon: Did Jesus Have a Pierced Ear?

Communion

Christ the True and Better

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Benediction

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel



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

God is Moving Mountains

A young man in Uganda named Samuel is married with two children. His father is Muslim and his mother is Catholic, but they practiced a lot of animistic rituals. Every month, they sacrificed to evil spirits. When Samuel attended a church service and heard that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, he accepted the message with joy.

But Samuel's family rejected him. They brutally beat him and destroyed his crops and everything he had. Samuel's wife and children were in constant danger. Then, his family tried to kill him by setting fire to his house. Fortunately, Samuel and his family were gone, so they were spared. They fled the area.

For Samuel, it was painful to be betrayed by his family and to lose his income, his inheritance, his job, and his position in society. His church network is taking care of him, but he is still unable to work.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for God to grant discernment for Christian leaders so they know who is facing pressure and needs help.
2. Pray for unity among the network of formerly Muslim believers.
3. Pray for God to make resources available so those affected by persecution can be helped.

For More Information Visit:

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

Hospitality for Sunday, December 14, 2025

Provide: Ida

Serve: Ida

Set up: Needed

Clean up: Ida

Servants for Sunday, December 14, 2025

Greeters: Jerry, Faye

Foyer Monitor: Jack

Scripture Reader: Don

Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline
Did Jesus Have a Pierced Ear?
Psalm 40

I. Pierced ears were a big deal in my house

II. David patiently waits

A. David was in the dumps and needing rescue (Ps 40:1-2)

1. The pit of destruction, the miry bog - a horrible place (Jer 38:1-6)

2. David's perspective: hope based on the character of God
(Ps 25:3, Isa 25:6-8)

3. David believed God's promise to hear his people's cry for
deliverance (Dt 30:2-3)

4. Deliverance brought David to praise God (Ps 40:3)

5. A new trouble emerges (Ps 40:12-13, 17)

III. The Psalm and Christ

A. Jesus said that all scripture testifies to him (Jn 5:39-40, Heb 10:5-8)

B. Jesus is the one who waited patiently for God's deliverance

C. Jesus became sin for us (2Cor 5:21)

D. Jesus is the blessed man (Ps 40:4)

E. Jesus, the end of the sacrificial system - the Lord's servant
(Ps 40:6-8, Ex 21:5-6)

F. Jesus is praying for his people in sin (Ps 40:12-17)

IV. Psalm 40 and us

A. The body of Christ

1. Set firmly on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ, the rock of ages
2. Each of us has a story of God's mighty working that needs to be told (Ps 40:3)
3. Consider 'getting your ear pierced' as a servant of Christ (Ps 84:10)

B. We're waiting patiently for the Lord's return – the full import of our deliverance from this world (Ps 40:16, Rev 5:9-10)

V. Communion (1Cor 11:26, Isa 25:6)

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!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: Today is the last day to add your \$25 gift card donations from Fred Meyers to the basket under the giving tree. Please place your gift card in a red envelope that is hanging on the tree.

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!

INVITATION FROM THE MENNINGAS: Larry and Mary Jo Menninga are inviting you to an open house to celebrate Mary Jo's 85th birthday. It will be on December 15, from 2 – 4pm in the social hall at First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Ave. No gifts, please; your presence will be your present.

THANK YOU: Your gifts and notes placed in the boxes for our out-of-town college kids brought big smiles to their faces. Thank you for blessing them with your thoughtfulness! ~ Amber, Caleb, Mattea, Chantel, & Grace

DECORATING THANKFULNESS: Faye and Ida would like to thank you for coming and helping decorate our church for Christmas. We had fun with pizza and creating! It was so fun to take time on Sunday, to see how each of you put your personal touch on the various vignettes throughout the sanctuary and lobby. Joy!

BCHS THEATER PRODUCTION: Come support Evan Boer and Brenna Koning as they perform in Bellingham Christian High School's theater performance of "The Curious Savage." 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. (Cordata Presbyterian Church: 400 Meadowbrook Court)

DANCING FOR JOY: Come support Abee and Brenna Koning as they help tell the Nativity story through a beautiful dance production at The Mount 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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



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