



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Rejoicing in Salvation, Rejoicing in the Reign of God

Psalm 146

DECEMBER 14, 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

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Welcome

Call to Worship—Isaiah 12:2-6

Advent Candle - Joy

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Angels We have Heard on High

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks

Prayer

Psalm 146, Reader - Don

Sermon: Rejoicing in Salvation, Rejoicing in the Reign of God

O Come All Ye Faithful

Benediction

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)



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

God is Moving Mountains

Most of Cameroon has a thriving Christian presence and many churches. But Christians living along the Nigerian border have experienced repeated, brutal attacks by Boko Haram. In these villages 50 to 80 miles from the border, men, women and children are attacked simply for being known as Christians. Several Christian villages have been abandoned completely after recurring attacks, which have included killings, kidnappings, and the burning of houses, schools and churches. Bibles are generally available in Cameroon, but distributing them in the north is challenging because of Islamic activity.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for God to infiltrate Boko Haram with his gospel, breaking their brutal force with his law of love.
2. Pray for the people, who've experience persecution, to receive the help and care they need.
3. Pray for God to make resources available so those affected by persecution can be helped.

For More Information Visit:

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/cameroon/?_source_code=VSTORIES

Hospitality for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Provide: Ida, Tanya, Ev	Set up: Ida, Tanya
Serve: Ida, Tanya	Clean up: Ida, Tanya, Ev

Servants for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Greeters: Needed	Scripture Reader: Damon
Foyer Monitor: Joe	Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline
Rejoicing in Salvation, Rejoicing in the Reign of God
Psalm 146

I. Rejoicing

A. Possible reasons we shout out in joyful exclamation

B. The psalmist's beginning and ending of Psalm 146

C. Biblical praise (Ps 146:2, Col 3:16)

1. Praise is the joyful, loud, rejoicing in God for who he is and what he does

2. Calvin's comment on Psalm 145: "...*We only praise God aright when we are filled and overwhelmed with an ecstatic admiration of the immensity of his power.*"

3. Psalm 146 begins and ends with imperatives – commands to worship God

II. Why I should rejoice in God

A. Humanity doesn't last (Ps 146:3-4, Jam 4:13-14)

1. What trust is (Ps 22:4-5, Ex 35:5)

2. What we might trust in addition to the princes (Ps 146:3, Ex 35:5)

a. Fortifications (Dt 28:52)

b. People (Judg 9:26, Jer 17:5-7)

c. Other nations (2Ki 18:21)

d. Oppression and perverseness (Is 30:12)

e. Military means (Isa 31:1)

f. Knowledge (Is 47:10)

g. Deceptive words/religiosity (Jer 7:4-14)

h. One's work and treasure (Jer 48:7)

i. Idols (Hab 2:18)

B. God is your help (Ps 146:5, Gen 2:18, Is 26:4)

C. God is the creator of everything (Ps 146:6)

D. God is faithful (Ps 146:6)

E. God is just (Ps 146:7, 2Cor 5:10)

F. God is compassionate (Ps 146:7, Mt 14:13-21, 15:32-39)

G. God is redeemer (Ps 146:7, Lev 25:8ff, Acts 12:5-11, 16:25-34)

H. God is healer (Ps 146:8, Mt 9:27-31, 12:22-23, 20:29-34,
Mk 8:22-26, Lk 18:35-43, Jn 9:1-41, 2Cor 3:16)

I. God is lifter (Ps 146:8, Mt 26:6-13, Jn 8, Mk 2:3-12)

J. God is lover (Ps 146:8, Mt 17:5, Zech 9:9)

K. God is sustainer (Ps 146:9, Dt 10:19)

L. God is thwarter (Ps 146:9, Gen 50:20, Esther 5:14, 7:10, Mt 27:23)

III. Conclusion: Rejoice, God is King (Ps 146:10)

Announcements

YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER: Save the date! December 20 @ 5pm at HCC, 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!

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Let's celebrate! In lieu of Sunday School on December 21, please linger, chat, share any gifts and cards, connect with your prayer partner, and enjoy a festive time with your church family as we anticipate the celebration of our Savior's birth. Hospitality will serve Christmassy snacks to enjoy with coffee and hot apple cider during this time after our morning worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK: We will not have Sunday School on December 21 and 28. Our next class will be January 4, 2026.

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.

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.

MONDAY COFFEE SOCIAL MOVED: Tomorrow, December 15, the women's coffee social ladies, who typically meets at Starbucks on Bakerview Rd, are invited to Ruth's house for hot apple cider and Christmas goodies. As usual, the fun starts at 9:30am.

MISSING DISHES?: The white cabinet by the refrigerators has been collecting dishes and containers. Is your home missing some? Check out the growing supply and claim what's yours! We'd like to clean up that space and make it look tidy.

LADIES: Mark your calendar for Dec 27 @3pm at HCC. Come celebrate Caroline and baby Roberts with a baby shower. Please RSVP to Jen Roberts. Thank you.

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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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