



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Make a Joyful Noise Until God Comes Again!

Psalm 98

DECEMBER 21, 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: The First Noel - Damon

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Welcome

Advent Candle - Love

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

King of Kings

You Alone Can Rescue

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Prayer

Psalm 98, Reader - Damon

Sermon: Make a Joyful Noise Until God Comes Again!

Light of the World

Benediction

Holy Forever (Christmas)



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

God is Moving Mountains

For many years now, in Azerbaijan, churches have been denied the ability to register legally. Secret police attend and sometimes raid church meetings, which the government classifies as illegal. Bibles are difficult to obtain. Churches can purchase them, but they cannot be printed legally. In 2015, the government published a list of banned religious books that included the Old Testament. Those caught with banned religious literature are fined. The government is tightening restrictions and often asks church leaders to submit lists of members' names. Some pastors and leaders feel this is an attempt to gather information for later use against church members or pastors. Many Christians faithfully share Christ with neighbors and family members despite legal pressure and possible fines.

How to Pray:

1. Praise God that many Azeri Christians are proclaiming Christ despite the risk of legal problems and heavy fines.
2. Pray that churches will withstand government efforts to monitor, control or close them.
3. Pray that secret police sent to monitor and raid worship services will instead come to faith in Christ.

For More Information Visit:

[Voice of the Martyrs – Praying for Persecuted Christians in Azerbaijan](#)

Hospitality for Sunday, December 28, 2025

Provide: Darlys

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, December 28, 2025

Greeters: Needed

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline

Make a Joyful Noise Until God Comes Again!

Psalm 98

I. Exuberant Joyful Celebration

A. My first concert

B. Atmosphere and heart of worship

C. Worship in Psalm 98:1, 4-6

II. Worship - noisy and energetic

A. Reasons (Acts 4:24, Zeph 3:17)

B. God has done marvelous things (Ps 98:1, Gen 1, 6-9, 21:1-4, Ex 3, Lk 1:46-55)

1. The marvel of the Christ

2. Our stories

C. God has worked salvation (Ps 98:1-2)

1. Salvation for God (1Cor 1:30, Rom 1:17)

2. Sing loudly and throw God a party

D. God has remembered his promises (Ps 98:3)

1. The truth is God never forgets his promises, plans and purposes
(Gen 8, 19:29, Ex 2:24, Ps 105:8)

2. Salvation was the eternal plan of God (Eph 1:4-6)

3. Examples of nations seeing God's righteousness

E. God is coming back to judge (Ps 98:9)

1. If salvation is rescue from sin, then judgment is the ultimate
condemnation and removal of every vestige of sin in our personal
lives, corporate structures, and physical and spiritual world

2. Let us SING LOUDER THAN EVER!

Announcements

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY: Let's celebrate! In lieu of Sunday School today, 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.

MISSING DISHES?: The white shelf 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 tidy up that space.

COOKIES FOR BUD'S MEMORIAL: Hospitality is requesting donations of cookies for Bud Brouwer's memorial, which will be on Saturday, January 3 at 2pm.

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.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all the men and women who helped out at Del's Celebration of Life service on December second. It was so very much appreciated by me and my family. Thank you also for all the many prayers, visits, cards and love shown to Del and me and our family during his illness. It was such a blessing to be able to have him home right up to the time of his death, with help from hospice and our wonderful caregivers. A special thank you to Pastor Scott for all the visits and love shown to us and Mark and Melissa, and for taking part in the service. It is so wonderful knowing Del is now in his eternal home. May God Bless each one of you! In His Love, Pat Bosman and Family

YOU ARE DOING MORE THAN YOU KNOW: Thank you! The collective ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is flourishing thanks to your generous ministry shares gifts. Together, we are training church planters, equipping leaders, and strengthening local congregations. We are sharing Christ's love and expanding discipleship here and around the world. Learn more at crcna.org/ministryshares.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



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