



HOPE <sup>IN</sup> CHRIST  
CHURCH

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A Christian Reformed Church

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

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

*The Danger of Desire*

***Judges 14***

**DECEMBER 28, 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 All You Unfaithful*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 9

*Goodness of God*

*Promises*

**Confession and Assurance**

*Refiner's Fire*

**Prayer**

**Judges 14,** Reader - Mike

**Sermon:** The Danger of Desire

*By Faith*

**Benediction**

*My Friends May You Grow in Grace*



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



## ***God is Moving Mountains***

Bahrain has experienced significant religious, political and economic tension, resulting mainly from the Sunni-Shiite division among its Muslim populace and its involvement in the global economy. This unrest, coupled with the faithful witness of indigenous Arab and immigrant Christian workers, has led to a season of openness and some response to the gospel among those indigenous to Bahrain. Less than 1 percent of native Bahrainis are Christians; nearly all are Muslims. However, Christians among Bahrain's expatriate workers make up 8 percent of the population.

Families and local communities are the main persecutors, but the government occasionally imprisons or harasses new Christians. Christian converts from Islam often lose their jobs and social status, and many are rejected by their families. However, some still gather to worship in secret.

Bahrainis have limited access to the Bible through the internet and churches.

### **How to Pray:**

1. Pray for the faithful witness of indigenous Christians and immigrant Christian workers in Bahrain.
2. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters who are rejected by their families for leaving Islam.
3. Pray that religious, political and economic tensions in Bahrain will help lead Muslims to Christ.

### **For More Information Visit:**

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

Sermon Outline  
**The Danger of Desire**  
*Judges 14*

I. Being carried away by your desires and emotions  
(James 1:13-14, Gen 3:6)

A. The lustful desire (Judge 14:1-3)

B. The prideful desire (Judge 14:3, Dt 7:3, Ex 20:12, Prov 16:18)

C. The desire to deceive (Judge 14:9, Mt 18:6)

D. The rebellious desire (Judge 14:5-10, Mal 3:7, Joel 2:12, Jer 4:1, Zech 1:3)

E. The desire to control (Judge 14:15-17, Prov 3:5)

F. The anger desire (Judge 14:18-19, Eph 4:26)

II. Yet God was present (Judge 14:4, 6, 19, Jam 1:13, Num 23:19, Gen 50:20)

## ***Announcements***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK:** We will not have Sunday School today. 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.

**BUD BROUWER MEMORIAL:** A memorial for Bud Brouwer will be held on Saturday, January 3 at 2pm.

**COOKIES FOR BUD'S MEMORIAL:** Hospitality is requesting donations of cookies.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be functionally closed starting Christmas Eve through January 1.

**LATEST GROUNDWORK:** Turning on a light changes everything. What changes can we anticipate when Jesus brings His light to our world? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 2:2-5, John 8:12-19, and John 12:44-50 to discover the significant effects we can expect the presence of the Light of the World to bring in our lives and our world. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly e-mails for future episodes.

**FAMILY FIRE:** Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [www.familyfire.com](http://www.familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular e-mail updates and connect with the Family Fire community on Facebook.

### ***Hospitality for Sunday, January 4, 2025***

**Provide:** Darlys

**Set up:** Needed

**Serve:** Needed

**Clean up:** Needed

### ***Servants for Sunday, January 4, 2025***

**Greeters:** Chidubem

**Scripture Reader:** Don

**Foyer Monitor:** Dan

**Prayer Room:** Needed

**Communion Prep:** Diane, Katie, Sarah

## ***Council Members and Districts***

**Council President:** Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

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

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

### **District - Last name A to C**

Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

Deacon: Barb Zylstra (360-927-3583)

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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)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

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Elder: Mark Ruiter (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Hildred Abee (385-229-2121)

### **District - Last name S to Z**

Elder: Dan Obbink (360-393-5170)

Deacon: Jenn Boer (360-820-6164)

### **District - Council Members**

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

**Custodian:** Don Recker (509-949-7441)

**Worship:** Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

**GEMS:** Darlys Recker (360-393-4179)

**Friendship:** Tanya Obbink (360-393-5171)

**Safe Church Coordinator:** Don Recker (360-393-4179)

**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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