

A Christian Reformed Church

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

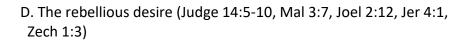
Judges 14

I. Being carried away by your	desires	and	emotio	ns
(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)



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 and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails 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. 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)

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Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

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District - Last name D to Ka

Elder: Jay Kaemingk (360-319-4671)

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Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

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Elder: Mark Ruiter (360-398-0101)

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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)

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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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