



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Jesus' Absolution, Not Human Resolution

John 8:1-11

JANUARY 04, 2026

Guest Pastor Don Recker

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

Welcome

House of the Lord

Call to Worship

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

His Mercy is More

Hold Me Savior

Prayer

John 8:1-11

Sermon: Jesus' Absolution, Not Human Resolution

Communion

All Sufficient Merit

How Blest Are They Whose Trespass

Benediction

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

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



God is Moving Mountains

Benin is a small country bordering western Nigeria. It is the birthplace of voodoo, and Christianity is viewed by many in the north as a threat to their traditional beliefs. Every village and many homes in the north have designated locations for the ritualistic killing of animals (and sometimes humans) in an attempt to appease demonic spirits. Voodoo is an official religion, and Voodoo Day is a public holiday. Witchcraft is deeply ingrained in the local culture and is openly practiced. Christianity is considered a foreign religion that steals a community's youth and prevents them from being properly initiated into the local tribes. Village chiefs serve as both political leaders and voodooist priests.

Persecution is prevalent in the north. New converts to Christianity are beaten and sometimes killed, while church buildings are routinely destroyed. Villages keep evangelists out and prevent construction of new churches.

Believers are persecuted by their family and community. Bibles are available, but they are hard to find in rural areas.

About 30 percent of the Beninese are Christians. Nearly 40 percent practice ethnic religions, and another 30 percent are Muslims.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for all who have lost families or homes because of their Christian faith.
2. Pray that many will flee voodooism and find freedom in Christ.
3. Pray for greater access to bibles, especially in rural areas.

For More Information Visit:

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

Sermon Outline

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Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for youth and adults resumes today after our worship service.

FAITH FORMATION TIP: As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive.

Happy New Year 2026

Hospitality for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Provide: Doug K

Set-up: Ida

Serve: Ida

Clean-up: Ida

Servants for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Greeters: Jay, Avis

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Mike

Prayer Room: Needed

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