



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Samson's Last Stand

Judges 16

JANUARY 18, 2026

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

In Christ Alone

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 28

Nothing But the Blood

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Confession and Assurance

O Come to the Altar

Special Music: "Satisfy Me (Idol Worship)" - by Damon

Prayer

Judges 16, Reader - Chidubem

Sermon: Samson's Last Stand

Christ the True and Better

Benediction

Christus Victor



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



God is Moving Mountains

French-speaking Niger is home to about 2.6 million nomadic Tuareg people as well as several million Fulani. Both groups live throughout the Sahara region and are predominantly Muslim, with less than 1 percent Christian. The Fulani in this region have not been as radicalized as they have been in Nigeria. Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world, and most people are subsistence farmers.

The primary persecutors of Christians are Islamic extremists and community members. Large-scale attacks against Christian communities are infrequent but did occur in 2015, when more than 80 churches throughout the country's southern region were destroyed. More recently, five churches in the Tillaberi region were attacked by Islamists in 2021. The country has been affected by conflicts in Mali and Burkina Faso, where Islamist groups linked to al-Qaida and the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) have attacked border regions to expand their influence in the Sahel. The ongoing Boko Haram insurgency in northern Nigeria has pushed Nigerian refugees into Niger, displacing thousands in the southeast.

Despite the attacks, several key Christian leaders are reaching their nation for Christ. Bibles are available in the cities but not in rural areas. Many people are illiterate, and audio Bibles in their dialects are highly desired.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for Pastor Moussa, who was imprisoned on false charges, and for his wife, Lariya, who was rejected by her family.
2. Pray for greater access to audio Bibles in local dialects so more Nigeriens can hear the Word of God.
3. Pray for the encouragement and renewed strength of churches that have been displaced by extremist violence.

For More Information Visit:

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/niger/?_source_code=WBPGGPG20B

Sermon Outline
Samson's Last Stand
Judges 16

I. Strongmen stories

II. Samson's story (Judg 16)

A. Destroying Gaza

B. Samson destroyed by his unwise love (Judg 16:15, 19-21)

1. Worn down slowly

2. Captured

3. Blinded

4. Enslaved

III. Applications

A. The danger of the desire to be loved

1. Often gets twisted in people

2. Blinds people to the dangers they are flirting with and walking headlong into

B. The dangers are true of any sinful proclivity we have (Dt 16:19, 28:29, Mt 23:16-26, Rom 1)

C. There is always a last stand

D. The eyes are the lamp of the body (Mt 6:22-23)

IV. Truly seeing: the route out of enslavement

A. Crying out to God (Judg 16:28)

B. Dying to ourselves (Judg 16:30, Gal 2:20)

V. Christ vanquished the enemy (Judg 13:5, Col 2:15)

Announcements

PASTOR APPRECIATION: This month, we are celebrating Pastors' Appreciation Month! We are incredibly blessed to be shepherded by Pastor Scott, along with Pastor Mitch and Pastor Don, and very grateful for their faithful, godly service to Hope In Christ Church. We highly encourage you to make special mention of them in your prayers of thanksgiving this month, and also encourage you to tell them in person or write them a note to let them know how much you appreciate them!

THANK YOU: Thank you to each one of you who baked cookies or served in some way at Buds Memorial/Celebration of Life service on January 3rd. Each one of you who participated is very much appreciated by me and my family. With much love and thankfulness for the expressions of kindness through actions and prayers and cards. ~Lorraine Brouwer

LITTLE LIBRARY: Our little library book supply stash is in need of some fiction books. Do you have any to donate? They can be placed in the hallway at the top of the stairs in our sanctuary building. Also, *please do not donate magazines*. They do not work well in our little library.

FROM THE ELDERS: During summer 2025 the church family indicated a desire to pursue a merger. Stick around after the church service next Sunday, January 25, to hear an update from the elders.

Hospitality for Sunday, January 25, 2025

Provide: Needed

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, January 25, 2025

Greeters: Diane

Scripture Reader: Mike

Foyer Monitor: Doug K

Prayer Room: Needed

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)

District - Last name D to Ka

Elder: Jay Kaemingk (360-319-4671)

Deacon: Darlys Recker (509-833-8357)

District - Last name Kn to N

Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

District - Last name O to R

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.



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