



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

How Bad Can It Get?

Judges 19—21

FEBRUARY 15, 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Welcome

Call to Worship

He is Worthy

Jesus Paid it All

Lord, I Need You

Confession & Assurance

O Great God

Prayer

Judges 19-21 (excerpts), Reader - Chidubem

Sermon: How Bad Can It Get?

Come, Let Us Return to the Lord

Benediction

How Marvelous

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

God is Moving Mountains

Kenya is predominantly Christian, but several tribal groups in the north remain largely unreached, and much of the coastal region is predominantly Muslim. Additionally, in the region known as Greater Somalia in northeastern Kenya, 90 percent of the population is ethnically Somali and fervently Muslim.

Christians in these areas cannot openly discuss their faith without risk of losing their family, livelihood and standing in their community. There is a significant threat of violence against Christian converts. In northeastern Kenya, the al-Shabab Islamic terrorist group attacks Christians, bombing churches and killing believers. In Muslim-majority coastal and northeastern areas, Christians are persecuted by local governments and rejected by their families and communities.

Church activity in these regions is severely limited by the local communities. The Kenyan constitution grants every citizen freedom of religion, but local governments in resistant areas are led by Muslim officials who do little to protect the rights of believers.

How to Pray:

1. Pray for believers to keep their focus on God and his truth, trusting in him fully despite their circumstances.
2. Praise God for the Christians who are standing strong and living in a way that points others to Christ.
3. Pray for God to reveal himself to those who stand against him, that their lives may be transformed through his mercy and grace.

For More Information Visit:

<https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/kenya/>

Hospitality for Sunday, February 22, 2025

Provide: Chidubem

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Chidubem

Servants for Sunday, February 22, 2025

Greeters: Needed

Scripture Reader: Mike

Foyer Monitor: Jay

Prayer Room: Needed

Sermon Outline
How Bad Can It Get?
Judges 19—21

I. Limbo Game

II. How low will Israel go?

A. Marriage is in danger (Judg 19:1-2, Lev 21:7, Gen 2, Eph 5, 1Cor 7)

B. Hospitality is missing (Judg 19:12)

C. Sexual depravity is burgeoning (Judg 19:22ff, Gen 19)

D. Justice is perverted (Judg 20-21)

III. Applying the story to our context

A. The people of God fell into this state of living (Canons 5.5)

B. Answering the question, “Who is the King in our lives?” (WLC 99)

1. Decision making: search God's word OR rely on own wisdom
OR rely on other's wisdom?
2. God's word: actually do it OR find reasons why it's okay to disobey it?
3. Obedience: only when it makes sense OR even if I don't understand why God's word tells me to do it?
4. Life rhythms: ordered by God's priorities OR ordered by my priorities while I fit God in when convenient?
5. Spiritual practices: enjoy time with God OR a chore/task you do?

IV. The Gospel (God (Jn 5:19, Lk 22:42, Gal 4:4, Col 1:27)

- A. The story of Scripture and God's work in Israel didn't end at the end of Judges
- B. God raised up a King who changes hearts

Announcements

LENT DEVOTIONALS: Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, February 18, and concludes with Good Friday and Easter. This year our Lent sermons will be based on John 13-17. The worship team will be providing devotionals taken from the book of John. These will be sent to you weekly for your family to use as you reflect on the meaning of this Lenten season. Printed copies will also be available each Sunday.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING: A reminder that all worship team members (vocalists, musicians, techs) are asked to attend our get-together next *Sunday, February 22 at 5pm*. We will have pizza, celebrate our successes, and discuss some current challenges. See you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: From March 15—May 17 there are no people signed up to teach Sunday School to our youth. Is this an opportunity God may be calling you to? Sign up in the binder on the credenza.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: Join the other singles in our church, and invites friends, for the next Single's Fellowship Night! The fun will be *today at 3:30pm* in our church. Food, games, socialize!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION: IRS certified volunteers will prepare most tax returns for free at First Congregational Church (2401 Cornwall Ave). First come first served. Monday—Wednesday from 2pm—6pm. Saturdays from 1pm—5pm. Call 360-474-7066 for the latest information on possible schedule changes. See flyer on the credenza.

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT: Thank you to everyone who serves at Hope In Christ Church. If you need reimbursement for any expenses incurred while serving, please submit your receipts to the church office and complete a reimbursement form. This helps our treasurer, Jennifer Boer, process reimbursements smoothly and efficiently. Forms can be found hanging on the office wall by the window.

FAREWELL POTLUCK PARTY: Let's celebrate the 18+ years Scott and his family have followed God's call to serve HCC, and the relationships we've been able to build with them as we've grown in faith together. Set aside *Saturday, March 7 at 5:30pm* to gather for a potluck party.

MINISTRY REPORT: Resonate Global Mission's 2025 ministry report is available on the credenza.

Council Members and Districts

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

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

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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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