



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Promised Holy Spirit

John 14:15-31

MARCH 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

Holy Spirit / Spirit of the Living God

Welcome

Call to Worship

Promises / Great is Thy Faithfulness

Abide

Confession & Assurance

He Will Hold Me Fast

Prayer

John 14:15-31, Reader - Cain

Sermon: The Promised Holy Spirit

Communion

Prayer over Scott & Jen

Benediction

Our God Will Go Before Us



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



God is Moving Mountains

In the fragile environment in SW Asia, Jawad* organizes food distributions. Everything must be done openly and carefully. Authorities are informed. Local mayors are involved. Islamist officials and the secret service watch closely.

Nothing can be rushed. Nothing can be improvised. Families are visited in their homes—often for the first time anyone has ever come simply to ask how they are doing. Someone listens. Someone notices. When circumstances allow, Jawad’s team quietly tells the women that the help comes from Christians. The truth spreads softly, from woman to woman.

People respond honestly:

“We know that nothing good comes from those in power. They can only harm us. Why are you so different?”

Jawad’s work is respected—even by Islamists—though pressure is constant. When officials demand favoritism, he refuses. “If you require this,” he tells them, “all the work will stop.” His resolve holds.

During distributions, the atmosphere is unexpectedly gentle. Young men earn a little money transporting food by wheelbarrow and rickshaw. In winter, blankets and jackets are added. Everything is watched. Everything is fair.

And through these quiet acts of care, Christ is made visible.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” —Matthew 5:16

How to Pray:

1. Pray for God to give strength and hope for women living under severe restrictions.
2. Pray for wisdom and courage for Christians who meet secretly and share their faith.
3. Pray for God to provide creativity and opportunities as families seek sustainable ways to survive.

For More Information Visit:

<https://christianresponse.org/news/staying-when-others-flee/>

Sermon Outline
The Promised Holy Spirit
John 14:15-31

I. Introduction

A. Love drives obedience (Jn 14:15)

B. Four clear commands (Jn 14:1, 11, 13:15, 13:34)

C. Plural You's involve singular people

II. The promised helper

A. This is a great promise (Jn 14:16)

1. Love is the condition (Jn 14:21, 14:24, Lk 15:28-32)

2. His love empowers our love (1Jn 4:19)

B. The Helper – the paraclete (Jn 14:26, 15:26, 16:8-11)

C. The Spirit of Truth (Jn 14:17, 1:5, 7:7)

1. Truth means it aligns with and matches ultimate reality

2. Godly truth and the world are in opposition

d. The teaching ministry of the Spirit of Truth (Jn 14:26, Lk 12:11-12)

e. I will not leave you as orphans... (Jn 14:18, 20)

f. Peace is the Gift of God (Jn 14:27, 16:33, 20:19, 21, 26)

III. Conclusion

Announcements

CAMPUS SPRING CLEAN UP: Mark your calendar! Our annual campus clean-up date is *March 28* at 8am. Hospitality will serve coffee and snacks at 10am. Come when you can. Leave when you must. If possible, please bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, weeding & trimming tool/buckets, etc.

TUESDAY PRAYER ZOOM: Be blessed. Enjoy prayer time with others over Zoom on Tuesdays during lunch break. Check your email for the Zoom link and the passages to pray over. Silent observers welcomed too.

COMBINED CRC PRAYER SERVICE: Bethel CRC invites you to the combined CRC evening prayer service for crops and industry tonight at 6 pm. The service will be led by Pastor Bryan Dick and the offering will be taken for Growing Hope Globally, an organization whose vision helps subsistence farmers in developing countries grow their own food and earn an income. Specifically, the offering will be used to support the Uganda Rubanda program run by World Renew. Nursery will be provided, with coffee and cookies served afterwards.

VISIT BIBLICAL SITES IN TURKEY: Visit ancient sites in Turkey on Oct. 9-19 connected with Paul's First, Second, and Third missionary journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. To sign up or for more information, contact Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

FREE FINANCIAL CLASS: The Whatcom Dream is offering a free financial empowerment class at the Elks Lodge, 710 Samish Way, Bellingham, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, March 12, and 19. Topics include identity theft and the Dark Web, fraud, debt management, Social Security, credit, financial planning, and Medicare and Medicaid. Feel free to join for as many classes as you like; registration is not required. For more information about Whatcom Dream and all its financial literacy classes, visit www.thewhatcomdream.org.

Hospitality for Sunday, March 22, 2025

Provide: Needed

Set up: Needed

Serve: Needed

Clean up: Needed

Servants for Sunday, March 22, 2025

Greeters: Clair, Hildred

Scripture Reader: Philip

Foyer Monitor: Doug

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)

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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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