



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

What is the Church?

Matthew 16:13-20

JUNE 14, 2026

Pastor Mitchell Senti

Welcome!

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad
you have joined us today!
May God bless you as we worship together.

Order of Worship

Come People of the Risen King

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Church's One Foundation

Jesus with Your Church Abide

Confession & Assurance

To Be God's People

Prayer

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: What is the Church?

We Are God's People

Benediction

Build Your Kingdom Here

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



God is Moving Mountains

While the Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of Africa's largest countries geographically with a Christian-majority population, Islamist terrorists severely persecute Christians along the DRC's eastern border. One of the principal persecutors is the Islamist Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an affiliate of the Islamic State in the Central African Province (ISCAP). The ADF is active in the Rwenzori Mountain area and seeks to establish Islamic law throughout the region.

Christians in the DRC are under immense pressure in areas of the eastern DRC controlled by the ADF. When rebels capture groups of people, they often release Muslims while killing Christians who refuse to convert to Islam. Christian villages have been raided, churches destroyed and hundreds of believers brutally killed. Dozens of local Christians have been abducted by the ADF and told to recant their faith in Christ and convert to Islam. Those abducted have witnessed horrific acts of violence against fellow Christians.

Prior to the outbreak of violence, one church denomination had 25 churches in the Beni area; today they have eight. Another denomination had 54 churches and now has 11. Other denominations report similar patterns.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, we pray for an end to the persecution from Islamic groups, such as the ADF.
2. Lord, we pray that you would provide for and strengthen the faith of the Congolese believers who have been displaced or abducted and treated violently.
3. Lord, we pray that believers, whose churches have been destroyed, would still have opportunities to fellowship.

For More Information Visit:

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/drc/?_source_code=WP26GPG2

Announcements

BBQ AND SUMAS DAYS FIREWORKS: Saturday, June 27 the Ruiters are hosting a BBQ at their home (4006 Bowen Road, Sumas). Grills will be on at 6, dinner at 6:30. Fireworks begin at full dark. Bring lawn chairs, lawn games (corn hole, etc.), something to grill for yourself / your family (burgers, hot dogs, brats, or other, it's up to you! Along with buns if desired), and a dish to share (suggestions--baked beans, salad, or chips and dip). The Ruiters will provide tableware, beverages, burger/hot dog toppings, and dessert. Please let Mark or Rockelle know if you plan to attend so we don't run short!

MEET THE SOUTHARDS: Save the date! Meet and greet Will and Sophia Southard on Sunday, July 19 from 2pm till evening during a church picnic at Birch Bay Sate Park. More details to come.

CRAFTING TIME: Darlys is hosting 'Crafting with Friends' on Saturday, June 20 from 8am—10pm in the foyer. Turn fun crafting ideas into reality while enjoying time with others. Or skip the crafts and enjoy the fellowship. Bring your own lunch. Dinner is at 6pm. Text/call Darlys with questions or to register.

BIBLICAL STUDY TOUR IN ITALY: April 12-22, 2027 - Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; the spectacular Amalfi Coast; and much more! Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

PRAY FOR SYNOD 2026: Please pray with CRC members, leaders, and friends for God's presence and guidance for the CRC and this year's Synod 26 gathering, which runs from June 12 to 18.

Hospitality for Sunday, June 21, 2026

Set-up: Needed **Serve:** Tanya **Clean-up:** Needed

Servants for Sunday, June 21, 2026

Greeters: Mike, Diane **Scripture Reader:** Chidubem
Foyer Monitor: Dan **Prayer Room:** Needed

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