



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Pleasures Forevermore

Psalm 16

AUGUST 9, 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 we worship together.



Order of Worship

All Creatures of Our God and King

Welcome

Call to Worship

O Praise the Name

Revelation Song

Confession & Assurance

Christ is Enough

Prayer

Psalm 16

Psalm 16:11—Key Verse

Sermon: Pleasures Forevermore

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Benediction

Christus Victor



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

Sermon Outline

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Verses Referenced in the Message:

Matt 8:11 Matt 11:19 Ps 16:2,6 Ps 16:11 2 Cor 12:4 Rom 8:18
2 Cor 11:24-29 2 Cor 4:16-18 Rev 21:4 Matt 8:11 Rev 22:1
1 Cor 15:42-44 Ps 78:24-25 Rev 21:1-2 1 Cor 13:12 Isa 11:9
1 Jn 3:2-3 Ps 16:11



God is Moving Mountains

Tunisia has a rich Christian history. It was the home of notable church fathers Tertullian and Cyprian as well as the Christian martyrs Perpetua and Felicity. The third Council of Carthage ratified the New Testament canon in Tunisia in A.D. 397.

Now, however, there are few churches or Christians in Tunisia. 99 percent of Tunisians are Sunni Muslims. Less than one-half of 1 percent are Christians.

Since the Arab Spring uprising, which began in Tunisia, the country has grown increasingly democratic; the Tunisian government became the first in North Africa to enact religious-freedom reforms. But even with a rich Christian history and increased religious freedom, the gospel is opposed by many Muslims and has been slow to take root in modern Tunisia. Change will take time in a Tunisian culture that has long been dominated by Islam. Some churches function openly, and Christian converts from Islam are free to worship in them, but open evangelism remains illegal. And while it is illegal for families to persecute their family members who leave Islam, such persecution still happens, and local governments still harass Christians. In rural areas, more severe persecution continues, as Muslim families feel shamed by family members who leave Islam. While Bibles were readily available in the past, today access is limited and Bibles are scarce. It is possible to distribute and ship small numbers of Bibles with official permission.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, we pray for a growing hunger for you amongst the Tunisian people and that you'd reveal yourself to them.
2. Lord, we praise you for the religious-freedom reforms Tunisia enacted. May this open the door for many people to find you.
3. Lord, please provide bibles so believers can grow in their knowledge and love of you and encourage each other with your Truth.

For More Information Visit:

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

Announcements

MEETING & VOTE TODAY: Please stay after our worship service today for a congregational meeting. We will have a short discussion, vote on whether or not to extend a call to Will Southard, and learn about what the next steps for HICC will be.

SPECIAL OFFERING AUGUST 23: The Deacons are calling for a special offering on August 23rd for Venezuela through World Renew. All cash offerings that day and any designated checks will be sent to World Renew for disaster relief. Please write checks to Hope in Christ Church. For more information visit www.worldrenew.org.

CORPORATE PRAYER: At 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month, prior the council meeting, come meet together for a time of prayer. This month's corporate prayer is on Wednesday, August 12.

SUNDAY PRAYER TIME: Moving forward, changes are being made to the Sunday morning prayer time. Meet upstairs before our worship service, from 9:30-9:50am. Elders will lead the prayer. Everyone is welcome.

CRAFTING TIME: Darlys is hosting 'Crafting with Friends' on Saturday, August 15 from 8am—10pm in the foyer. Turn fun crafting ideas into reality while enjoying time with others. Or ask Darlys for a card kit. Or skip the crafts and enjoy the fellowship. Bring your own lunch. Snacks, drinks, and Dinner (at 6pm) are provided. Text/call Darlys with questions or to register.

TENNESSEE RIVER BOYS CONCERT: The Tennessee River Boys will return to Lynden for a free concert on Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at Faith Community Church, 586 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, Lynden. A freewill offering will be taken, with refreshments to follow. The Tennessee River Boys had their first concert here last year and blessed many with their testimonies in song and sharing from the heart. For more information, call Mary Ann.

Hospitality for Sunday, August 16, 2026

Set-up: Ida **Serve:** Ida **Clean-up:** Ida

Servants for Sunday, August 16, 2026

Greeters: Jay, Avis **Scripture Reader:** Needed
Foyer Monitor: Dan **Prayer Room:** Needed

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