



HOPE^{IN}CHRIST
CHURCH

A Christian Reformed Church

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

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Snake-Bite Cure

Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:14-15

SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Your Grace is Enough

Welcome

Call to Worship

By Faith

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Litany

You Alone Can Rescue

Prayer

Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:14-15

Sermon: Snake-Bite Cure

Psalm 62

Benediction

Turn your Eyes



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

Sermon Outline

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God is Moving Mountains

Western Sahara is a disputed territory and former Spanish colony located along northwest Africa's Atlantic coast south of Morocco. It is more than 99.9 percent Muslim, making it one of the most religiously homogenous places in the world.

Unlike the relatively open tourist destinations found in parts of the Kingdom of Morocco, Western Sahara is restricted and closely monitored by Moroccan government authorities. Christians are under tight scrutiny, and Bible distributions and missionary activities are forbidden. The small number of indigenous Christians living in Western Sahara are at ongoing risk of imprisonment for apostasy and proselytization. The government is the main persecutor, and family, friends and communities also persecute Christian converts. While two Catholic churches remain from the period of Spanish control, no other churches are known to exist.

About 565,000 people live in Western Sahara, but few printed Bibles exist in the country. It is difficult to get a Bible there, but believers can access God's Word through creative methods such as digital files on SD cards.

How to Pray:

1. Lord, cause the Muslims in Western Sahara to have a hunger and thirst for you and a desire to seek the truth about you.
2. Lord, strengthen the Christians that they will remain faithful to you while living under tight scrutiny.
3. Lord, work in the hearts and minds of the government officials that they may become more open to your gospel.

For More Information Visit:

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/western-sahara/?_source_code=WP26GPG2

Servants for Sunday, September 20, 2026

Greeters: Rachel

Scripture Reader: Needed

Foyer Monitor: Jack

Prayer Room: Needed

Announcements

PETREE-BRAKKE WEDDING: Jack and Alice invite our Hope in Christ church family to attend their wedding on October 10 at 4pm at HCC. They'd be honored to have you celebrate their special day with them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / DEEP DIVE: Sunday School and Deep Dive begins today around 11:15am. Please join us as we seek to learn and grow in faith together.

HELP KEEP NEIGHBORS WARM: The Deacons invite you to join them in the *Interfaith Coalition's 2026 Winter Coat Drive*! Please donate new or gently used, freshly laundered coats. All sizes are welcome with a particular need for XL, XXL, XXXL and children's sizes. Please bring your coats to church by Sunday, September 27. Thank you!

ATTENTION TEAM LEADERS: The deacons are preparing to set the budget for next year and they need your input! Please submit your budget request for the next year no later than September 30th, 2026. Thank you so much for your continued dedication to growing God's kingdom! Budget requests can be submitted to this email: treasurer@hopeinchristchurch.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Women's Bible Study will be starting up on September 23rd. We'll be studying the book of ACTS this year. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:45 am in the HCC lobby. Contact Faye as soon as possible if you'd like to join so enough books can be ordered (about \$10 each). We look forward to having you join us for Bible study, discussion and fellowship.

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. Don't have a craft to work on? 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.

Hospitality for Sunday, September 20, 2026

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

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