



HOPE ^{IN} CHRIST
CHURCH

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

Today's Message

Where is the God of Justice?

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Pastor Scott Roberts

November 15, 2020

A Christian Reformed Church

Order of Worship

Strength Will Rise

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prince of Peace

Great Things

(Medley)

Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy, You are Worthy Chorus

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Malachi 2:17-3:5

Message: Where is the God of Justice?

Even So Come

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Benediction

The Blessing

The offering this morning is for the Outreach Fund.
Please place offerings in the basket by the sound booth.

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.

PRAYERS

Each week we pray for members of our church family. Suggested prayers are for their spiritual growth, opportunities to see Christ in their everyday lives, and anything else that God puts on your mind for them. This week please pray for:

Dave & Lisa D

Scott

Georgi E

Virginia F

Karen F

Anne G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting: Today, after the service will be our annual congregational meeting, in person and via zoom.

Thank you: Jen and I want to thank the church for the wonderfully encouraging cards and gifts this past month. Thank you so much! Pastor Scott.

Advent Decorating: Calling any who want to come help me bring holiday cheer to our Advent season at church! I am planning on decorating Friday, 11/27, from 1-3pm or so. (Any of you who take advantage of Black Friday should have it all accomplished by then!) We'll wear masks and try to safely distance as we trek up and down the stairs! It is so fun to bring the transformation surprise to our church family! Please call or e-mail me if you are planning to join me. We'll make this fun!. Ida

Heartbeat: If you have something that you would like to have in the December heartbeat, please submit it to the office by November 20.

Thanksgiving Service: Please come join us for the Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving morning at 9:30. Our service for this year will be different from our usual celebration. But only for this year is our hope! Pastor Don Recker will bring our message. We will be celebrating Communion together. For our Thanksgiving offering, we are pooling our funds together to purchase gifts from the World Renew Catalog (worldrenew.net/catalog). As much fun it would be to have each of you purchase a gift of your choice, it would be a huge job for our deacons! So, we ask you to bring a check made out to Hope in Christ church, with 'World Renew Thanksgiving gift' on the memo line. I know the deacons will enjoy choosing the best gifts from us! And they will let us know what they chose! In this crazy year, we have much for which to give our thanks.

SERMON OUTLINE

Where is the God of Justice?

Malachi 2:17-3:5

I. Introduction

A. Have you ever tired and been exhausted?

B. Have you ever thought that God might get weary? (Mal 2:17, Ex 34:6-7, Isa 43:23-24)

II. What wearies God?

A. The words of covenant breakers (Mal 2:17)

B. Evil is (Mal 2:17, Dt 6:18, 12:28)

C. Other evil things that the people of Israel were presumably doing and calling good (Mal 3:5)

1. The list

2. Sorcery includes necromancy, magic, divination (Dt 18:10-12)

3. Adultery (HC 108-109)

4. Swearing falsely - lying under oath in God's name (HC 112)

5. Oppressing widows and orphans (Dt 10:18, 27:19)

6. Mistreating the alien (Ex 22:21, Dt 10:19)

7. Not fearing the Lord (Dt 4:10, 5:29)

III. How does God respond to evil? (Mal 3:1)

A. First, he sends a messenger.

B. Second, the messenger prepares the way.

C. Third, then the KING comes suddenly.

D. Fourth, the King comes to refine and purify (Mal 3:2-4)

E. Jesus and John the Baptist (Lk 7:27, 22:20, 2 Cor 3:6, Heb 7:22)

IV. How does God respond to injustice? (Mal 3:5)

V. So there we have it - the God of Justice is seen in the Life of Christ

A. So are you ready - have you turned to Christ - are you repentant?

B. Don't let God's swift return catch you unprepared.

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