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## Welcome

We're glad you're here

We want to hear from you! Fill out a Communication and/or Prayer Request form. We would love to pray for you and get you more information.

### EVENTS AND INFO

Join us for Sunday services in person or online (live stream at 9:30am).

**Sunday service times: 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am**

We have programs for kids and students on Sunday mornings as well!

Alderwood Community Church is a group of people who are committed to following Jesus together. Visit [alderwood.cc/connect](http://alderwood.cc/connect) and see where you can get connected in a group, serving with a team, or through a Bible study.

The Alderwood church staff and elders are praying for you regularly! Please let us know how we can be praying for you! Submit your prayer requests at [alderwood.cc/prayer](http://alderwood.cc/prayer)

The Alderwood Compassion Center is open to receive donations on Tuesdays (9am to noon)...a list of items needed and the address can be found at [alderwood.cc/compassion](http://alderwood.cc/compassion)

Struggling with life? Need someone to come alongside and support? Stephen Ministry can help. [alderwood.cc/stephen](http://alderwood.cc/stephen)

Visit our website or use the ACC app to find out about upcoming events. Visit our calendar at [alderwood.cc/events-page](http://alderwood.cc/events-page)

### COMING UP

#### • Holiday Giving Opportunities

Help make Christmas just a little more special for a child in need or for our ACC supported missionaries.

► **SHOEBOX PROJECT** — Join Operation Christmas Child/Samaritans Purse for an opportunity to send a life-changing gift to a child in need! Brochures & boxes can be picked up/dropped off in the Go Center on Sundays through 11/12.

► **MISSIONARY OFFERING** — Every November we take a special offering to bless our missionaries for Christmas. Special giving envelopes are available at the Go Center 11/5 thru 11/19 or donate online at [alderwood.cc/holiday-giving](http://alderwood.cc/holiday-giving).

#### • Family Ice Skate Night — September 6

Sign up now to come skate at the Everett Community Ice Rink! [alderwood.cc/skate](http://alderwood.cc/skate)

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### MISSIONARY UPDATE

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



As we observe the IDOP, our hearts are heavy with the rising tide of Christian persecution worldwide. From Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and beyond, over 360 million Christians now live

in places where they face high levels of persecution, equating to one in seven Christians globally. According to the World Watch List, 5,621 Christians were killed, over 2,100 churches were attacked, and more than 4,500 Christians were detained for their faith in 2022. These staggering numbers highlight the harsh reality that many believers endure daily – harassment, discrimination, wrongful imprisonment, and even death for their devotion to Christ.

However, as we gather in prayer for our persecuted brethren, we find hope and strength in the Scriptures. Paul says that "...we are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." This powerful biblical text reminds us that though persecution may strike believers down, it does not destroy their faith. The resilience and unwavering trust in God displayed by our persecuted brothers and sisters serve as a testament to the enduring power of Christ in their lives. This verse encourages us to pray with empathy and fervency, knowing that in Christ, the persecuted find the strength to stand firm and persevere despite the adversities they face. It strengthens our resolve to lift them up in prayer, seeking God's protection, comfort, and strength, and affirming our unity as one body in Christ across the globe. Through the IDOP, we bring global attention to the plight of our persecuted brothers and sisters. In places where they share our faith, they do not always share our freedoms, as 80 percent of religious persecution worldwide targets Christians. For over two decades, the IDOP has united millions of Christians in prayer for the persecuted. We recognize that their most urgent and basic need is for prayer. Hebrews 13:3 commands us to pray for those who are mistreated, understanding that their pain is our pain, and we are one in Christ.

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