



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
January 11, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Come Thou Fount/Above All Else**

***Purify My Heart**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***God Is For Us**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Lao CRC

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

Scripture: Titus 2:11-3:8 – page 1856

Message: **Our Required, Inspired, & Empowered Walk**

Prayer

***It's Yours (Lord's Prayer)**

Benediction

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Organist: Karen Lucas

*Stand as you are able

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Live Stream and In-Person Worship. The morning and evening services will be live and in person at 9:30am and 5pm. The live stream can be found on the website www.niekerkcrc.org under sermons. The services will be uploaded following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah**

***Hymn of Heaven**

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Lao CRC

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***Psalm 27**

***Good Soil**

Scripture: John 5:16-30 - page 1655

Message: **Knowing God**

Prayer

***Knowing You**

*God's Blessing

***You Are the Vine**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

*Stand as you are able

Remember to pass the Fellowship Registers.

Coffee, juice and cookies are served after the morning service in the Fellowship Center.

Catechism classes for 4th to 12th grade meet in the youth building.

Sunday School classes for Preschool to 3rd grade meet in the basement in the All Purpose Room.

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service downstairs in the choir room for children who are age three through preschool. Your child will be released to Little Lambs after the children's message. Lesson: Jumping for Joy; Leaders: Lisa Kragt & Abby Helder

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$7,230. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

January 11 Lao CRC
January 18 Positive Options
January 25 Cadets International

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Kathi Petroelje & Deb Slenk
 PM: Kim Walters & Kaylin Van Dyke
Next Week: AM: Laura VanderZwaag & Jenn Schierbeek
 PM: Kris Roelofs & Pat Texer

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Worship Team Meeting
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Luke 2:41-52)
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

COUNCIL NOTES

Membership changes. The council has approved the transfer of Darrel & Brenda and Tessa VanDyke to Hudsonville Reformed Church and Trent Venema has transferred to Oakland CRC. We pray God's blessing on these families as they continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Nancy Bosch has received good news: the MRI showed that everything looks great, and she will not need another MRI for two or three years.

Happy Birthday to **Elaine Brower!** She will be 81 years old on Saturday. Her favorite verse is, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Denny and Judy Stoel left Monday, January 5, for an assessment of damages from Hurricane Helene. The service dates are January 10 through the 23rd.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing grace. Pray for **Cal Schierbeek** who is recovering from Covid. Remember as well, **Bill Keen**, and **Jerry Brower**. Pray for **those you know** who are being treated for chronic health issues

Pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week, remember **Shirley Bosch**, **Ida Janssen**, and **Jerene Janssen**.

Continue to pray for the **Pastoral Search Team** as they seek for our next pastor. Pray that both our congregation and the pastor and his family will have hearts open to the Lord's leading in this opportunity.

Pray for the missionaries we support financially and through prayer. This week remember, **James Langteau**, **Josh & Virginia Ham**, **Josh & Anna** and the **Lao Christian Reformed Church**.

Pray for the world we live in. Pray that peace will prevail in **nations, communities and families**. Pray for reconciliation and ask the Lord to help us be agents of His grace and mercy in the coming week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's time again to gather information for the February newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, January 18**. Notes can be placed in the kitchen service door mail slot, the newsletter mailboxes located in the bottom right-hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

Attention puzzle lovers of all ages! Get ready for some friendly competition and fun at our Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament Saturday, January 24! Gather your best puzzling friends to make a team that will guarantee fun times! Join us for an exciting event where everyone will be working on the same puzzle at the same time! (Adult category and kids' category) **Sign-up today!** on the sheet at the Information Center. We can't wait to see you there!

Valet Parking. The Deacons would like to offer valet parking for anyone interested during the winter months as the parking lot can get icy. This will be at the east side entrance of the building "Door B" only. It will be for both services starting 1/2 hour before the service with vehicles returned after the service.

Benevolent Fund Update. The Deacons are thankful for the financial support received for the Benevolent Fund. The additional resources will allow us to provide assistance for both members as well as potential needs from outside of the congregation. Thank You! The Niekerk Deacons.

Save the Date: The 2026 mission trip will be on July 25-31. Please save the date and consider joining us in serving the community around ARO this summer. More details to come!

Hand2Hand is collecting small individual packages of Goldfish crackers and Ramen noodle packs (3oz size only, no large bowls) for January. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Severe Weather Policy. Cancellation notifications will be sent using the email info@niekerkcrc.org, and on TV stations 3, 8, and 13. The Administrative Leadership Team will decide whether or not congregation-wide meetings and functions such as worship services, congregational meetings and the like will be cancelled. *If you receive the bulletin and Niekerk newsletter by email, you will get the severe weather email too.*

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Our CAP includes unlimited online access to thousands of **wellness resources!** Browse articles, assessments, webinars, calculators, and videos to help you with all facets of life, including professional and personal growth, legal issues, emotional wellbeing, relationships and more. Take advantage of the locator tool to find childcare, elder care, school, camps, pet services, and more within your zip code. Visit www.pinerest.personaladvantage.com and enter niekerkcrcCAP.

Date for Your Calendar

January 16	Hand2Hand Packing
January 18	HS Youth Group
January 19	Red Cross Blood Drive
January 21	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
January 24	Puzzle Tournament
January 30	Monthly Prayer Gathering
February 21	Cornhole Tournament

Ministry Priorities:

- *Encountering God in worship
- *Nurturing full devotion to Christ
- *Loving and caring for everyone
- *Reaching out in service and witness

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