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Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Preparatory

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength** – Gray Hymnal 46:1,3,5

***Unchanging**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Offering: Lorri Scholten

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Preparatory

Prayer

***Not What My Hands Have Done** – Gray Hymnal 260

Children's Message

Scripture: **Mark 2:1-17** – page 1557

Message: "**God, in Christ, Comes for Sinners**"

Prayer of Application

***Stronger**

*God's Blessing

***Before the Throne of God Above**

*Postlude

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Jen Leep

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for Lorri Scholten. Next week's offering is for Positive Options. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$5,436.

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service for children age 3 and 4. Lesson—Jumping for Joy; Leaders—Jana, Luke & Cora Righeterink

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude

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***Here I Am to Worship**

***Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Apostles' Creed

Offering: Lorri Scholten

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Prayer

***God, Be Merciful to Me** – Gray Hymnal 255

Scripture: **Matthew 5:7** – page 1505

Message: **“The Merciful”**

Prayer of Application

***At the Cross (Love Ran Red)**

*God's Blessing

***I Will Sing of My Redeemer** – Gray Hymnal 479:1-2

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Jen Leep

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Ladies Craft Day
	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Pickleball
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Making Life Disciples
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Saturday	9:30 AM	Pickleball
	6:30 PM	30-60 Game Night

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

AM Trisha Texer, Tim Russcher, Sara & Maria Heeres

PM Melanie Russcher & Jenn Schierbeek

Next Week:

AM Amy Pierce, Jessica Schutter, Kathie & Claire Helder

PM Emily Kornelis & Kate Van Dyke

Catechism: The 5th through 12th grade classes will meet in En Gedi.
Sunday School meets in the All-Purpose Room.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Wayne Alofs!** He will be 84 years old on Friday. His favorite verse is, "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18b & 20b

Bob Eisen continues to struggle with fluid collecting around his right lung possibly due to not swallowing properly. Pray for continued strength and patience for Bob and Deb.

Happy Birthday to **Leona Scholten!** She turned 81 years old last Friday. Her favorite verse is, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Pray for **Lorraine Nykamp and Deb Haan** as their daughter and sister, Nancy Shermer, has been placed in hospice.

Our Christian sympathies are extended to **Daryl and Brenda Van Dyke, Tessa and Braden** and the extended family in the passing of Daryl's dad, Willis Van Dyke. The funeral was Tuesday at Harvest OPC.

Our Christian sympathies are extended to **Angie Zeerip, Jerry and Sharon Zeerip, Carolyn Rietman** and to **Aubrey and Dennis Bird** and to their families in the passing of their son and brother and uncle, Erv Zeerip. The funeral was Saturday at Messiah CRC.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

All current 7th-12th graders are encouraged to sign up for the 2020 Niekerk Youth Group Summer Mission Trip to Tarboro, North Carolina in partnership with World Renew Disaster Response Services. The dates for the mission trip are Saturday, July 18 - Friday, July 24. Sign-up forms, details, cost, and informational sheets about the trip are available at the information Center, or please talk to or email Caleb for more information!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's that time again to gather information for the February newsletter. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next Sunday, January 19. The Niekerk News mailboxes are located in the bottom right hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org. Thank you!

Making Life Disciples. *It's the last day to sign up!* MLD starts this Wednesday, January 15. This six-week program will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30pm. This curriculum equips members of every church community to champion compassion, extend hope, and offer help to the hurting, specifically, men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy decision and those who have experienced an abortion. Check out this video at https://youtu.be/ArbAip_VERs for more information. Signup at the Information Center. Childcare will be available.

Women's Winter Bible Study. *It's the last day to sign up!* We will meet on Tuesday morning for nine weeks starting this Tuesday through March 10 in the basement All-Purpose Room, studying the book *Questions Jesus Asks* by Dale and Sandy Larsen and led by Char Janssen and Jan Nykamp. The book cost is \$4 per person. The signup sheet and a sample book are available at the Information Center.

GotGame#3060 is Saturday! Age 30-60-year-olds! Do you like games? Cards? Pickle ball? Corn hole? Join us Saturday, January 18, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Center. Bring a munchie to share and come ready for fun!

Save the Date! The cornhole tournament will be February 22!

Valet Parking. The Deacons would like to offer/help arrange valet parking for anyone interested during the winter months as the parking lot can get icy. This will be at the newer entrance on the east side 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.

Valet Parking Helpers. The Deacons would be interested in help from anyone willing to assist with valet parking over the next couple months. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Information Center for specific dates and services. Thank you in advance!

The Youth Group Auction to raise money for the summer mission trip is February 29, so if you are willing to donate baked goods, professional services, a week at the cottage, fun outings, homemade crafts, gift cards to restaurants or whatever else you can think of— please email Caleb so he can start compiling the master list. Thanks!

Mission Trip to Mount of Olives Orphanage in Baja, Mexico. Ken and Laura VanderZwaag along with Pastor Jason invite you to a brief informational meeting after the morning service on January 26, to discuss an exciting mission trip opportunity for the Niekerk family coming November of this year. The meeting will take place in the choir room at 11:00am and will last about fifteen minutes. Ken, Laura, and Jason would love to see you there.

Sunday Evening Bible Study: All adults, singles or couples, are invited to join us as we are forming new groups for the spring session. We will be starting a new study book, looking at Paul's letters to Titus and Philemon. We meet the first Sunday of each month from February to May. Please contact Marilyn Russcher 269-751-8564 or Leona Nyhof 269-751-5874 if you would like to join a group or have questions.

From Growing Hope Globally Committee (formerly Food Resource Bank). A big thank you to Niekerk for your support in exceeding our goal of \$50,000 dollars. Because of the wet spring, we were unable to plant our corn and soybean growing projects. So, the committee members of Niekerk CRC, Oakland CRC, and Drenthe CRC set a goal of \$50,000 to raise from other means than from the sale of the crops. We were blessed and able to raise \$55,000! Thank you for your support in this. God is good!! "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." Habakkuk 3: 17-18

Hand2Hand Ministries needs plastic grocery bags. Please check for holes in the bags before bringing them to church. They are also collecting canned chili (15-16oz size, no larger) and no-sugar-added fruit cups.

March for Life in Holland. January 22, 2020, marks the 47th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton decisions to which legalized abortion throughout our country during the entire nine months of a woman’s pregnancy. Since that date, over 60 million pre-born lives have been destroyed. Join a walk to remember those precious and innocent lives on Saturday, January 18, beginning at 11am around Centennial Park followed by a devotional and prayer time at Central Avenue CRC’s Ministry Center.

Spartan Nash Direct Your Dollars. Your total for December was \$1,628. Again, we have collected enough sales slips to complete another 150K. That amount was brought in and now we are waiting for our 13th check for \$1,000. Of that amount, \$250 will go toward the yearly support that we give to eight local agencies along with our CROP WALK support in April. Thanks again.

Church Assistance Program. Many people with early and mid-stages of Alzheimer’s Disease experience depression. Treatment is available and can make a significant difference in quality of life. Your CAP program offers free and professional therapy, so please call 616-455-6210 or at 1-800-442-0809 to make an appointment.

Prayer Requests and Health Concerns. Contact your District Elder or Pastor Darren (559-909-2939) with any requests or updates.

Elder and Deacon Districts:

A-Bowman	Doug Wedeven	Scott Sybesma
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk	John Timmer
Haan-Janssen	Paul Bulthuis	Joel Kryger
Jones-Leep	John Janssen	Mike Schierbeek
Louwerse-Plaggemars	Rog Sneller	Dean Koopman
Prince - Shoemaker	Steve Slenk	Scott Van Dyke
Slenk-Tjarks	Mark Hop	Shane Plaggemars
Tucker-Zeerip	Carl Helder	Joe Texer

Dates for Your Calendar:

January 19	Communion AM
January 20	Executive Meeting
January 21	Pickleball PM Ladies Craft Day Women's Bible Study
January 22	Wednesday Night at Niekerk Making Life Disciples
January 25	Pickleball AM
January 26	Cadet Sunday Mission Trip Meeting
January 28	Pickleball PM Ladies Craft Day Women's Bible Study
January 29	Making Life Disciples
February 22	Cornhole Tournament
February 29	Youth Group Auction

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