



SANCTITY OF  
*Human Life*  
SUNDAY

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
January 18, 2026

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 18, 2026  
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Ancient of Days**

**\*Lord, You Have Searched Me**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**\*Who You Say I Am**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Positive Options

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*O Word of God Incarnate**

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-11 – page 1154

Message: **The Chosen Fast**

Prayer

**\*Let Your Heart Be Broken**

Benediction

**\*Send Us Out**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

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](http://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

**\*No Other Name**

**\*Great Are You, Lord**

**\*I Stand Amazed**

Prayer

Offering: Positive Options

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Be Thou My Vision**

Scripture: Isaiah 53 - page 1147

Message: **Our Unbelief**

Prayer

**\*O Come, All You Unfaithful**

\*God's Blessing

**\*What He's Done**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

\*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 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the youth building.

**Sunday School classes** for Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Jesus Calms the Storm; Leaders: Emma Texer, Lori & Reagan Boeve

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$4,420.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

January 18 Positive Options  
January 25 Cadets International

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week: AM: Laura VanderZwaag & Jenn Schierbeek  
PM: Kris Roelofs & Pat Texer  
Next Week: AM: Sandy Van Dyke & Jessica Schutter  
PM: Abby Helder & Char Janssen

**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
	6:00 PM	HS Youth Group
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	6:30 PM	Administrative Team
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	6:15 PM	Nursery & crafts
	6:15 PM	GEMS & Cadets
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Luke 3:1-19)
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Saturday	5:30 PM	Supper
	6:15 PM	Puzzle Tournament

**COUNCIL NOTES**

**Membership changes.** The Council has approved the transfer of Steve and Lori Klaasen and Shane and Rachel, Olivia and Max Plaggemars to Family Church. Jacob Leenstra to Family Church Ebenezer Campus. We pray God's blessing on these families as they continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**High School Youth Group:** Our next meeting is tonight, January 18, from 6:10 to 8pm. We will continue our study on *Finding Truth*. We will be talking about finding our identity and purpose. Looking forward to seeing you then!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Elaine Helder's mother and Erv Nagelkirk's sister**, Winona Schaap, was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 12. The funeral was Saturday at Langland-Sterenberg Funeral Home. Pray for Elaine and Ed, Erv and Bonnie, and their families at this time.

**Thank the Lord for the gift of Life!** Pray that our nation will become convinced again of the value of each precious child. Pray for those who struggle with the aftermath of abortion. Pray that they will come to know the Lord's forgiving mercy and redeeming love.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing grace. Pray for **Cal Schierbeek, 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. Ask the Lord to encourage them in the coming week with the awareness of His presence with them always. Ask the Lord to put someone on your heart to visit in the coming days.

Continue to pray for **Claire Helder, Vern Hoeksema, Stephanie Edewaard, Ron VanGelder, Mary Jo Staal, Dave Helder and Jim Hondred** as they serve on the **Pastoral Search Team**.

Pray for the missionaries we support financially and through prayer. This week, remember **Laura Helder, Mohan & Judy Chako, Aaron & Laurel Green**, and the ministry of **Positive Options**.

Pray for the world we live in. Pray that peace will prevail in **nations, communities and families**. Pray for our nation's leaders. Ask that their decisions will be increasingly marked by the wisdom and love of the Lord.

**A heart felt thank you to Niekerk Church!** The Timmer family would like to thank the Niekerk congregation for all the love and care given to Mark Timmer when he was able to attend church services and activities. He will be moving to Resthaven Maple Woods at 49 E 32nd Street in Holland, room #106 if you would like to visit or send a card.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Niekerk News Deadline Today.** Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news today. 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](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

### **Attention Puzzle Lovers of All Ages! *It's the last day to sign up!***

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!

**Do You Have a Favorite Song?** The Worship Team is seeking people who would be willing to share their favorite song with its special meaning with the congregation during an evening service. If you would like to share, contact Carol Hochhalter or any member of the Worship Team.

**Red Cross Blood Drive Monday!** If you are able to give blood, there are still openings for tomorrow afternoon from 1pm to 7:30pm. One pint can save three lives. Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**Ladies Crafting Weekend!** Join us Friday, February 6, from 1pm to 9pm with a potluck at 6pm; and Saturday, February 7, from 9am to 4pm. Bring your favorite craft or current project, a dish to pass, and come and relax and enjoy some wonderful fellowship, great food, and many laughs! Sign up at the Information Center and more details can be found 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.*

**Pine Rest Church Assistance Program.** Reducing the Risk of Depression. Do you sleep well, eat nutrient-rich food, make time for regular physical activity and self-care? Healthy habits like these can reduce your risk of depression, but symptoms can still creep in. If you have symptoms of depression that last more than two weeks, seek treatment with a professional. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press #1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk to access free and confidential support.

### **Flourish Women's Conference – February 20–21, 2026.**

Providence Church invites women of all ages to *Flourish*, a two-day conference featuring Bible teacher Kelly Minter. This event is designed to encourage spiritual growth, meaningful connection, and renewed faith as we begin the new year together. Registration details are available on Providence Church's website

[www.providencechurch.net](http://www.providencechurch.net)

### **Date for Your Calendar**

January 30 Monthly Prayer Gathering

February 21 Cornhole Tournament

### **Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:**

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***\*\*All services are streamed live\*\****

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