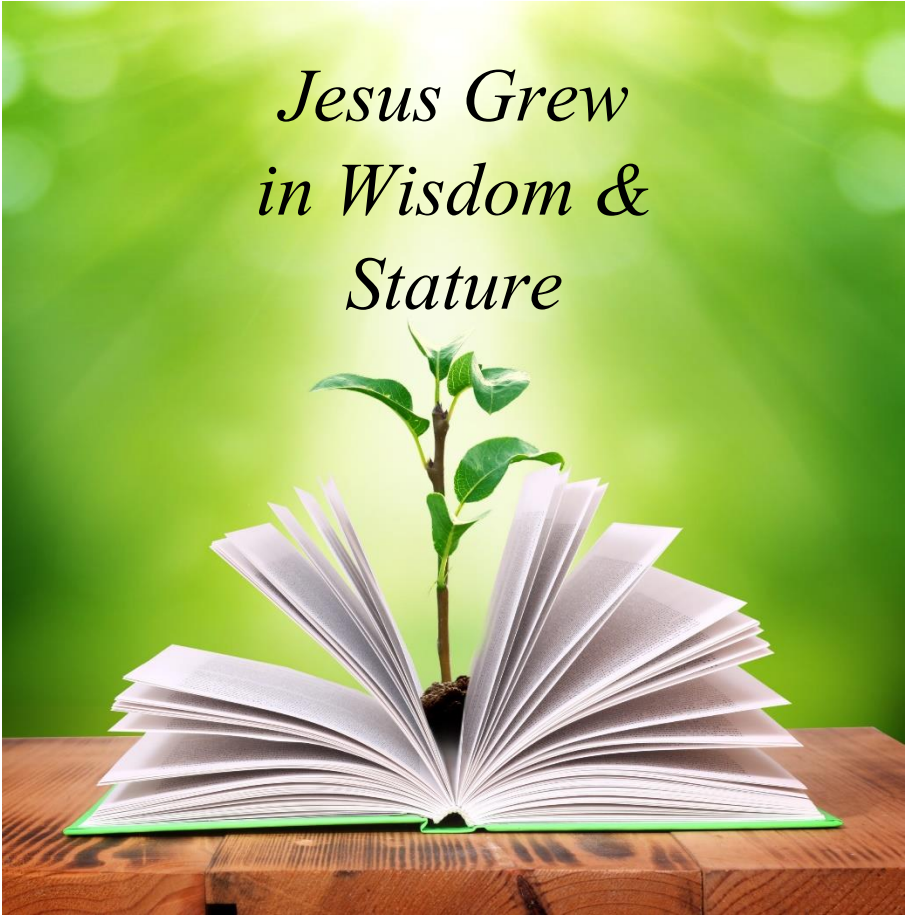


*Jesus Grew
in Wisdom &
Stature*



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
January 3, 2021

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***O Come to the Alter**

***My Victory**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

***Seek Ye First**

Children's Message

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Message: **Finding Jesus**

Prayer

***Be Thou My Vision**

*God's Blessing

***Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**

Postlude

Offering: Lorri Scholten

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist: Karen Lucas

Pianist: Laura Elzinga

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Live Stream. The morning and evening services will be live at 9:30am and 6:00pm on the website www.niekerkcrc.org under sermons. The services will be uploaded immediately following the live stream to watch later in the day.

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service for children age 3 and 4. Lesson—John Baptizes Jesus; Leaders—Maria Heeres, Kathie & Claire Helder

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—6:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength**

***Unchanging**

Prayer

***Shine On Us**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:14

Message: **What's Good for us? What will happen to us?**

Prayer of Application

***I Will Rise**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Blessed Assurance**

Postlude

Offering: Lorri Scholten

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist: Marge Boeve

Pianist: Laura Elzinga

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: Renee Texer, Dawn Folkert & Kristen Sybesma

Next Week: Deb Slenk, Sara & Maria Heeres

Last week's envelope collections totaled \$49,440. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule for December:

January 3 Lorri Scholten
January 10 Lao CRC
January 17 Positive Options
January 24 Benevolent Fund
January 31 Cadets

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

Niekerk Family,

The Council reviewed options for worship in December and decided it is best to offer in person services again with restrictions. Our morning and evening services will be open to all who want to attend with social distancing in all pews and the overflow area in the Fellowship Center. To continue protecting our most vulnerable members and considering the still high number of COVID cases in Ottawa County, the Council is requiring that masks be used while moving through the church and while singing in the sanctuary or Fellowship Center. Coffee after services will not be provided; however, nursery is planned to be available for the morning services.

Programming on Sundays and midweek remains on hold (Youth Group, Cadets, GEMS, Bible Study, etc.). Facility rentals will follow the Michigan Health Department directive in force at the time.

Niekerk Council continues to ask for your prayers and grace during these difficult times. We also thank God that Niekerk members contracting COVID have recovered or are on their way to recovery.

The Niekerk Council

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Julie and Katie Mulder will be at Mayo Clinic this week. Katie has had problems with vertigo for two years.

Lorraine Nykamp fell and broke her back last week. She was in the hospital and is now home. Continue to pray for her healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEMS, Cadets & Youth Group will not meet this week.

Abby Mulder will be filling in at the office. Her hours will be 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Thursday.

Congregational Meeting 2021 Budget. The Executive Committee collected and counted ballots for the Niekerk 2021 Budget with the following results: 88 votes yes, 22 votes no, with an additional 9 ballots not counted due to submission without signatures. Full Council was given this information and has voted to confirm the results. Thanks to Niekerk's members for returning ballots as well as providing feedback and questions to Council for consideration. We are truly thankful for the ongoing prayers that have been offered on behalf of Council amidst this year of many extra challenges.

The Heights of Hope staff would like to say thank you to all who made donations to Heights of Hope Christmas Store this year! Things have been so unsure for so many this year, but we are so thankful that the Christmas Store was able to help provide gifts for families this year. That wouldn't have happened without you! Thank you!

2021 Offering Envelope Boxes have been placed in the mailboxes at church. Any envelope boxes not picked up will be distributed by the Deacons. Thank you for your generous contributions to Niekerk in the past year to support the Lord's work in our church, in our community, and in our world!

Niekerk Christmas Online Trivia Game Winners! Congrats to Ryan and Renee Texer and family for winning the trivia game! Shoutout also to the teams of Char Janssen/Mike and Jenn Schierbeek and family, the Elzinga family and the Pierce family for placing in the top four! Thanks to all who participated!

Picture Directory—Pictures Still Needed! There is still time to send in a family photo! Email or mail or put in the kitchen mail slot a copy of the picture to Julie Mulder at secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

Hand2Hand. We will be collecting canned vegetables (no larger than 15-16 oz) and peanut butter (16 oz). Feel free to donate multiple items if you are able as we are putting more food in the bags this year.

Returnable 10¢ cans and bottles for the Youth Group. You may drop off returnable cans any time by the storage building (garage).

Church Assistance Program. Are dramatic mood swings having a negative effect on your career or relationships? Bipolar and other mood disorders can be complex and debilitating, but with proper treatment you can have a productive and fulfilling life. Take the first step and call your CAP at 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 for free and confidential support. Make sure to identify yourself as a CAP client.

Dates for Your Calendar: *All events are tentative.*

January 4	Council Meeting
January 10	Catechism & Sunday School
January 13	The Color of Compromise Senior (65+) Singles
January 17	Communion AM Catechism & Sunday School
January 18	Executive Committee Meeting
January 20	Cadets, GEMS & Youth Group
January 24	Cadet Sunday Catechism & Sunday School
January 27	The Color of Compromise
January 31	Catechism & Sunday School

Elder and Deacon Districts:

A-Bowman	Doug Wedeven	Scott Sybesma
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk	Kevin Schut
Haan-Janssen	Paul Bulthuis	Joel Kryger
Jones-Leep	John Janssen	Mike Schierbeek
Louwerse-Plaggemars	Ron Dalman	Dean Koopman
Prince - Shoemaker	Greg Leenstra	Bryan Van Dyke
Slenk-Tjarks	Mark Hop	Shane Plaggemars
Tucker-Zeerip	Brad Heeres	Joe Texer

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

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