

YOUR
WORD IS
truth.

JOHN 17:17 (CEB)



HOLY
BIBLE

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
January 4, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 4, 2026
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace**

***As With Gladness Men of Old**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***How Can I Keep From Singing**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Niekerk Christian Education Fund

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Shine On Us**

Scripture: John 17:6-19 – page 1679

Message: **Sent into the World By the One Who Came**

Prayer

***I Speak Jesus**

Benediction

***Song for the Nations**

Postlude

Pastor Joel Vande Weerken

Pianist: Jen Leep

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

***O God Our Help in Ages Past**

***Holy Forever**

Confession of Faith

***Father, Spirit, Jesus**

Prayer

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***To Know You More**

Scripture: John 5:1-15 – page 1654

Message: **Do You Want to Get Well?**

Prayer

***The Goodness of Jesus**

*God's Blessing

***By the Sea of Crystal**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

*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: Fishers of Men & Folk; Leaders: Melinda Kryger, and Jessica Schutter

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$13,165. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

January 4 Niekerk Christian Education Fund
January 11 Lao CRC
January 18 Positive Options
January 25 Cadets International

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Dana Hondred, Kathie & Claire Helder
PM: Linda Timmer & Sara Heeres
Next Week: AM: Kathi Petroelje & Deb Slenk
PM: Kim Walters & Kaylin Van Dyke

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
	6:15 PM	Elder's Meeting
	6:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	5:45 PM	Nursery
	6:15 PM	GEMS & Cadets
	6:15 PM	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Kids Club
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Luke 2:21 – 40)
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth Group: We will meet this Sunday, January 4, after the evening service. We will be starting a new series together. Looking forward to seeing you!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Judy Bosch**! She will be 84 years old on Thursday. Her favorite verse is, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Leona Scholten passed away on Tuesday, December 23, receiving the greatest Christmas gift of all. The funeral was Friday, December 26, at Yentema Funeral Home.

Pray that as a congregation we will be **growing in Christ** and live as a clear bright **light for Him** in the coming year.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing grace. Give thanks that Ron and Joyce Dalman's son-in-law **Dan's** heart surgery went well. Pray for his continued healing and strength.

Pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen, and Jerry Brower**. Pray for **those you know** who are awaiting further treatments or procedures.

Pray for those who are living in senior and assisted living situations. This week, remember **Jim and Lorraine Snay, Duane and Gay Tucker, Mark Timmer, Nick Ellerbroek, Judy Bosch, Marge Boeve, Donna Grotenhuis and Nonie Rietman**.

Pray for the missionaries we are privileged to bless by prayer and financial support. **Mohan & Judy Chako, Aaron & Lauren Green, Laura Helder and Matt & Emily Slack**.

Pray for **parents of young children**. Ask the Lord to provide all they need as they seek to encourage their children to love, serve and honor the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Hand2Hand is collecting small individual packages 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.*

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!

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.**

Cookies Needed. Store bought or homemade cookies are needed for after the morning worship service to be served with refreshments. January 18 is open. Thank you to those who have signed up. See Julie Mulder if you have any questions.

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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