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LEARNING TO BE  
*Content*  
IN ALL THINGS

Philippians 4:13

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

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 11, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

***\*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

***\*Rejoice***

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***\*This Is Amazing Grace***

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Heights of Hope

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***\*Speak, O Lord***

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20 – page 1827

Message: **The Contentment Creed**

Prayer

***\*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Turn Your Eyes***

\*God's Blessing

***\*It Is Well*** (*chorus only*)

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](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

**\*Shout to the North**

**\*Your Great Name**

Confession of Faith

**Song of the Saints**

Prayer

Offering: Heights of Hope

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**\*Gracious Spirit**

\*Scripture: John 9:1-12 – page 1664

Message: **Somebody Must Have Sinned!**

Prayer

**\*Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

\*Stand as you are able

**Little Lambs** meets during the morning worship service for children who are age three through preschool. Your child will be released to Little Lambs after the children's message. Lesson: Noah's Ark; Leaders: Melinda Kryger and Jessica Schutter

**Coffee, juice and cookies** will be 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.

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$5,345.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

|            |                          |
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| October 11 | Heights of Hope          |
| October 18 | Langteau's               |
| October 25 | Forgotten Man Ministries |

**Nursery Attendants:**

|                   |                                          |
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| <u>This Week:</u> | AM: Kathie Helder & Linda Timmer         |
|                   | PM: Char Janssen & Sandy Van Dyke        |
| <u>Next Week:</u> | AM: Laura VanderZwaag & Jessica Schutter |
|                   | PM: Deb Slenk & Lisa Kragt               |

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

|          |          |                           |
|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Today    | 9:30 AM  | Morning Worship Service   |
|          | 10:45 AM | Coffee Fellowship         |
|          | 10:45 AM | Sunday School & Catechism |
|          | 5:00 PM  | Evening Worship Service   |
| Monday   | 9:00 AM  | Indoor Walking            |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM  | Indoor Walking            |
|          | 9:30 AM  | Men's Bible Study         |
| Friday   | 9:00 AM  | Hand2Hand Packing         |

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**High School Youth Group:** Our next meeting is Sunday, October 25. Our study will be on the Parable of Talents.

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Our next event will be Friday, October 30. Stay tuned for details as the date approaches.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Thank you!** Our hearts overflow with gratitude for all the ways you bless and encourage us throughout the year. We are so grateful to be part of this loving fellowship. Special thanks for the potluck last Sunday. Many thanks to all who planned, served, and contributed delicious food. We enjoyed sharing this special time together with you! Pastor John & Maria Nyitray

Prayerfully consider volunteering for the **Pumpkin Party** on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. How may the Lord be calling you to serve? Be looking for those you may be called to personally invite. Pray that each one who comes that night will encounter beautiful expressions of the love of Jesus.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Niekerk News Reminder.** It's time again to gather information for the November newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, October 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](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

**"At the Gate"** Bible Study will begin in the narthex just outside the sanctuary door at 11:00am. Join with others as we meet to study and apply the passage of the sermon this morning. You are welcome!

The **Men's Bible Study** continues this Thursday, October 15, at 9:30 -10:30am. You are welcome to join in as we continue our study in the gospel of Luke with chapter 8:1-15.

**Great Pumpkin Party, October 22!** The signup sheet is at the Information Center! Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success and to show the community the hospitality of Niekerk. The last day to sign up is October 11.

**Bakers!** We need desserts for The Great Pumpkin Party bake-off! Categories: Pumpkin pie, pumpkin desserts, Apple pie, and apple desserts. **Kids Dessert Bake-off Contest!** Start thinking of your favorite fall dessert and maybe have Mom or Dad help you with it. We would love to see lots of entries from all of you.

**Operation Christmas Child "shoeboxes!"** Pick up your shoeboxes today! Help send a shoebox of gifts and "The Greatest Journey" booklet to a child far away! Please return your filled shoeboxes by October 25. Please do not put soap, toothpaste, used or damaged items in your shoeboxes.

**Retirees' Dinner.** The Deacons and their spouses invite you to join them on Tuesday, October 27, for an evening of food and fellowship at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. RSVP by signing on the sheet at the Information Center. If transportation is needed, please indicate that on the signup sheet and this will be arranged.

**Cloud of Witnesses.** On November 1, at our morning worship, we will celebrate the "Cloud of Witnesses" that surround us as we worship. In order to do this, members are asked to submit photos, names, and a brief description of the **people who have taught and disciplined them in their faith... those who have gone on to glory!** This could be parents or grandparents, teachers, writers, coaches. We will make copies of the pictures and place them on the walls of the sanctuary. Please submit photos or an updated photo with names and a one- or two-word description to the church office by Sunday, October 25, or by email to [secretary@niekerkrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkrc.org). If you submitted a picture last year, it will be included this year. Pictures will be returned.

**Hand2Hand** is collecting noodle packs of dry ramen noodle packs (chicken, beef, pork or soy flavors) and no-sugar-added individual fruit cups for October. *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.** Both children and adults can be on the receiving end of bullying, and the effects can be devastating. If you or your child is experiencing intimidation, harassment, hostility, insults, or shaming at school or work, reach out to our CAP for compassionate guidance and support. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

**Reformation Commemoration Event.** You are invited to a Holland Area Reformation Commemoration event entitled: "Why Are We So Anxious and Divided About Faith and Politics? Martin Luther Has the Answer." The speaker will be Dr. Jeff Tyler from the Hope College Religion Department. Time and Location: Sunday, November 1, 2026, 6:30pm at Pillar Church in Holland on 9th and College. Refreshments provided.

### **Dates for Your Calendar**

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| October 22 | The Great Pumpkin Party    |
| October 28 | Wednesday Night at Niekerk |
| October 30 | Monthly Prayer Gathering   |
|            | Hand2Hand Packing          |
| December 6 | Christmas Caroling         |