



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
October 12, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

****I Will Sing of My Redeemer***

Lord, I Need You

Words of Assurance

****Is He Worthy?***

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Forgotten Man Ministries

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

****Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 12:23-40 – page 641

Message: **Recipe for Commitment**

Prayer

****Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me***

****Crown Him with Many Crowns***

*God's Blessing

****Build Your Kingdom Here***

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*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 immediately following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Ancient of Days**

*Psalm of Praise

***O Give Thanks**

Confession of Faith

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Prayer

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Scripture: John 4:16-26 – page 1632

Message: **The First Missionary Journey: Worship in the Spirit 1**

Prayer

***Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

*God's Blessing

***God of Grace and God of Glory**

Postlude

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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: Joseph; Leaders: Kim Walters & Kayla Texer

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$8,950. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

October 12 Forgotten Man Ministries
October 19 Heights of Hope
October 26 World Renew

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Melinda Kryger & Kathi Petroelje
 PM: Dana Hondred & Kaylin Van Dyke
Next Week: AM: Kathie Helder, Renee & Emma Texer
 PM: Sara Heeres & Deb Slenk

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 AM	At the Gate
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	5:30 PM	The Great Pumpkin Party
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continue to pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Pray that **Jerry Holmes** and **Donna Grotenhuis** will know God's comfort and peace-filled strength as they mourn the loss of Pam Holmes, who passed away on October 3 with the funeral on Tuesday. Pray for others you know who continue to feel the weight of missing their loved ones.

Lift up in prayer those who stand in need of the Lord's healing and renewed strength. Pray for **Carolyn Jacobsen** and **Karen Lucas** as they recover from surgery. Continue to pray for **Jerry & Elaine Brower**, **Cal Schierbeck**, and **Bill Keen**.

Pray for the **Shepherding Team** as they meet tomorrow evening. Ask the Lord to bless them with wisdom and hearts of compassion as they seek to care for and build up the fellowship of Niekerk.

Be in prayer for the **Great Pumkin Party** this week. As Thursday approaches, ask the Lord to be preparing us and neighbors and friends who will come to be a part of this special time. Pray that we will be open to ready to encourage and point others to the joy of knowing and serving Jesus.

Laura Helder asks us to pray for **Patrick, Luis and Manuel** who are SO close to entering the Safe House, a men's rehab program, and that God has something special planned for their lives.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Our next event will be Saturday, October 18. Our next event is Saturday, October 18. Watch your email for details to come soon. Sign up at the Information Center.

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 19**. 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.

Great Pumpkin Party Thursday! It's time for the Great Pumpkin Party. Thanks to everyone who signed up to volunteer. If you would still like to help us on Thursday night the sheet is still at the Information Center—we would love to have you. The assignment list for volunteers is also at the Information Center. Take a look at where you are scheduled to help. If you are not volunteering but have time, please join us and spend the evening with our neighbors. If you are not around, please take a few moments to pray for the evening that God's love will be shown to those who join us. Volunteers, please come to the hall by the kitchen before 5:15pm so we can spend a few minutes in prayer before the start that God will pour out His blessings on the evening. Community Impact Team.

Kids Dessert Bake-off Contest! (In addition to the adult bake-off)

New to the Great Pumpkin Party is a kid's dessert bake-off! 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! Return your filled shoeboxes by October 26! Thank you!

The Prayer Ministry Team invites you to a Prayer Gathering on Wednesday, October 22. Following the Wednesday Night at Niekerk meal, we will meet in small groups in various rooms in the church building to pray (*aloud or silently*) for specific needs in our congregation, our nation and the world. There will be an opportunity to share concerns as well.

Niekerk Holiday Choir is coming this fall and will sing for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Rehearsals will begin in November following the morning worship service. All singing adults are welcome to join at the choir room beginning November 2.

Artificial Flowers Needed to decorate the pumpkins at The Great Pumpkin Party. They do not need to be fall flowers, but any season is fine. Please bring the flowers to the library.

Cloud of Witnesses. On November 2, 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 with names and a one- or two-word description to the church office by Sunday, October 26, or by email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org. If you submitted a picture last year, they will be included this year. Pictures will be returned.

Women's Bible Study 2025. Women's Bible Study 2025 will meet this week Tuesday, October 14, in the Fellowship Center from 9:30am to 10:45am. Please come prepared to discuss Lesson 4.

Hand2Hand is collecting peanut butter (no larger than 16oz) and no-sugar-added fruit cups (pears, peaches, pineapple, mango, etc.) for October. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Help Provide a Meal for Circles this Fall! Each Tuesday night, Heights of Hope's Circles program gathers around a shared meal before diving into an evening of connection, support, and transformation. We serve about 45 people each week, and we're looking for individuals, families, or groups to sign up to provide a meal. Interested in helping out?

Learn more or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/7dyxtyju>.



Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. ADHD affects adults too! It manifests in adults as impulsiveness, restlessness, lack of concentration, racing thoughts, and short attention spans. Adults with ADHD can be highly successful with the right treatment and support. If these symptoms continually disrupt your life, your CAP can help. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

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