

A vertical banner with a watercolor background in shades of yellow, green, and blue. The text is written in a white, gothic-style font on pieces of torn, multi-colored paper. The text reads: "all the BELIEVERS WERE OF one heart and mind and they shared everything they had".

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Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
October 26, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

***Ancient of Days**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Grace Greater Than Our Sin**

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: World Renew

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Speak, O Lord**

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37 ESV

Message: **Great Grace**

Prayer

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

*God's Blessing

***It's Yours (Lord's Prayer)**

Postlude

Pastor Eric Lynch, Seminarian

Pianist: Jen Leep

*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

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***We Come, O Christ, to You**

***Prayer of Praise**

***Behold Our God**

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: World Renew

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Word of God, Speak**

*Scripture: John 4:16-26 & 31-36 – page 1652

Message: **The First Missionary Journey:**
Worship in Jesus, the Truth

Prayer

***The Lord Is My Salvation**

*God's Blessing

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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: God Gives the Ten Commandments; Leaders: Jana & Cora Rigtierink

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$30,529. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

October 26	World Renew
November 2	The Bible League
November 9	Sidewalk Counselors
November 16	Niekerk Christian Education Fund
November 23	Growing Hope Globally
November 27	Holland Rescue Mission (Thanksgiving)
November 30	Building Men For Life

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Sandy Van Dyke & Char Janssen
PM: Jessica Schutter & Kris Roelofs

Next Week: AM: Lindsey Haan & Abby Helder
PM: Jenn Schierbeek & Sue Hoekstra

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15 PM	GEMS
	6:15 PM	Cadets
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (James 4:13-17)
Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Lorraine Snay**! She will be 80 years old on Tuesday. Her favorite verse is, Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

Pray for **Elaine Brower** who is scheduled for heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for those who stand in need of healing and daily strength: **Cal Schierbeck, Jean Tjarks, Jerry Brower, and Bill Keen.**

Pray with gratitude for the missions and missionaries we help to support. Remember, **Laura Helder, Mohan & Judy Chacko, John Wagenveld** (Multiplication Network), **Aaron & Laurel Green** (InterVarsity), **James Langteau** (Empower International), **African Inland Missions, Josh and Virginia Ham, Matt & Emily Slack** (Resonate in England) and **Restoring Hope Missions**.

Pray for the **Pastoral Search Team**. Ask the Lord to continue to give them the wisdom, patience and persistence needed. Pray for our **future pastor and his family**. Though we do not know who they are, God does. Ask the Lord to continue to prepare them with all they will need as they come to serve the Lord with us.

Lift up in prayer those who will teach and lead in **children's and youth ministries**. Pray for each family's protection and strength.

Pray for the **renewing and reviving work of the Holy Spirit** in our day. Give thanks for His work in your heart and among us here at Niekerk. Pray with boldness for our families and neighbors. Pray that we will be growing in Christ and making Him known.

COUNCIL NOTES

In the light of Jake Boeve's recent retirement, the Council has asked our Interim Pastor, John Nyitray, to devote more time to pastoral care. His interim contract will be modified to reduce the number of times he preaches from 3-4 times to 2-3 times per month. This will help him to devote more time to visiting and congregational care. The Shepherding Team members will work closely with him during this time to aid with needed visits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!! If you did not bring your filled shoebox today, the deadline has been extended to next week Sunday, November 2. Help send a shoebox of gifts and *The Greatest Journey* booklet to children in need!

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

Cloud of Witnesses. Deadline today! 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. Please submit photos with names and a one- or two-word description to the church office today, or by email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org. If you submitted a picture last year, they will be included this year. Pictures will be returned.

World Renew invites you to make a difference this season through its Gift Catalog, where each meaningful gift helps families overcome poverty and experience God's love in practical ways. As you consider giving goats, seeds, or clean water, please also pray that these gifts would be a source of hope for families striving to rebuild their lives, and that God would bless the work of World Renew staff and partners who walk alongside them every day. Visit worldrenew.net/gifts to learn more.

Women's Bible Study 2025. Women's Bible Study 2025 will meet this week Tuesday, October 28, in the Fellowship Center from 9:30am to 10:45am. Please come prepared to discuss Lesson 6.

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. Physical and mental health intertwine with a diabetes diagnosis. When left untreated, mental health conditions like anxiety and depression can make diabetes worse. Likewise, existing diabetes can make mental health conditions worse. Our 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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