



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

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 4, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Communion

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

****We Are God's People***

****Holy Forever***

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

****Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer for Education

Prayer

Offering: LEAD Scholarship Fund (CRCNA)

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – page 1783

Message: **This Keepsake**

Prayer

Communion

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

How Beautiful

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*God's Blessing

****We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

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

***At the Name of Jesus**

***King of My Heart**

Confession of Faith

***I Stand Amazed**

***Be Unto Your Name**

Prayer

Offering: LEAD Scholarship Fund (CRCNA)

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Show Us Christ**

*Scripture: John 8:47-59 – page 1664

Message: **Who Do You Think You Are?**

Prayer

***Man of Sorrows**

*God's Blessing

***Glorify Your Name**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Orangist: Karen Lucas

*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: Creation; Leaders: Jana Rigterink, Ava Kryger & Josie Texer

Coffee, juice and cookies will be 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.

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$4,395. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

October 4	LEAD Scholarship Fund (CRCNA)
October 11	Heights of Hope
October 18	Langteau's
October 25	Forgotten Man Ministries

Special Offering: This year, the CRCNA has asked congregations to have a special offering for All Nations Heritage Sunday: The LEAD (Leadership Equipping: Advocating Diversity) Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support diverse, emerging leaders across the Christian Reformed Church in North America. For over 50 years this fund has been assisting students of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds as they pursue their educational goals at higher-learning institutions affiliated with the CRCNA. Individual donations and church gifts are the only means to grow this fund and to keep this endeavor going. Ministry share giving does not fund these scholarships. The Deacons thank you for considering giving to this special offering this week!

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Emma Texer & Deb Slenk
	PM: Char Janssen & Kim Walters
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Kathie Helder & Linda Timmer
	PM: Carol Venema & Sandy Van Dyke

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
	6:30 AM	Elder & Deacon Meetings
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Family Night
	5:45 PM	Nursery & Crafts
	6:30 PM	Kids Club
	6:15 PM	GEMS & Cadets
	6:30 PM	The Chosen
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 first meeting is tonight!* (Sunday, October 4) from 6:15-8 in the youth building. Dinner provided. Feel free to bring your friends! Looking forward to another year of Growing in Christ together.

Sunday School and Catechism starts today. Catechism for fourth grade students through High School meet in the youth building. Sunday School for children in Young 5's through 3rd grade will meet in the basement.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Harvey Helder!** He will be 95 Years old on Tuesday. His favorite verse is, "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—" Psalm 103:17

Praise God for the beauty of His creation and His faithful work in our lives. Thank the Lord for the unfailing love, grace and mercy He gives as we serve Him together. Pray for a renewing and reviving work of God in **Niekerk Church**. Pray that we will be open to the Holy Spirit's working in our midst.

Pray with gratitude that **Al VanHaitsma's** bladder surgery and **Gary Morren's** A-fib procedure went well. Pray for their renewed strength. Pray for healing for **Ron Kapinga** who is recovering from a fall and will be receiving physical therapy. Pray for healing and daily strength for **Barb Shoemaker, Bill Keen** and **Cal Schierbeek**. Pray for **Jerry Holmes, Stan Brandsen** and **Therese DeVries** as they receive physical therapy. Pray for **those you know** who are dealing with chronic illness and pain.

Pray for those you know **who can't get out** the way they were once able. As the Lord brings someone to mind, pray, give them a call or jot a note of encouragement.

Pray for the **missions and missionaries** we help to support. Pray this week for **Mohan & Judy Chacko, Laura Helder, Josh & Anna, Matt & Emily Slack**. Pray with gratitude for the ministry of **Thrive in the CRC** through the **LEAD scholarship Fund** as they seek to encourage multiracial congregational leadership.

Pray for the **Council** and the **Pastoral Search Team**. Pray for each one who serves. Ask the Lord to bless them with wisdom, discernment and strength in each opportunity.

Pray for the **Youth Group** as they have begun meeting this fall. Pray for our Youth Director, **Trisha and others** who help encourage young people.

Prayerfully consider who you'll invite to the **Pumpkin Party** on October 22nd. It may be neighbors, friends, co-workers or extended family members. Pray that each one who comes will know something of the love of Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck Today! We will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month with a potluck for Pastor John & Maria!

The **Men's Bible Study** continues this Thursday, October 8, at 9:30 - 10:30am. You are welcome to join in as we continue our study in the gospel of Luke with chapter 7:36-50.

Today in your mailbox you will find a **Great Pumpkin Party invitation**. Consider who would like to come to this event and hand them a postcard.

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 with names and a one- or two-word description to the church office by Sunday, October 25, or by email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org. If you submitted a picture last year, they will be included this year. Pictures will be returned.

Hand2Hand is collecting cans 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.*

Join Right to Life of Holland Area at the National Life Chain TODAY from 2-3pm on River Avenue between 10th and 12th Streets. Life Chain is a pro-life, peaceful, prayerful, public witness on behalf of the unborn at risk of elective abortion. Signs to hold during the prayer vigil will be provided. This is a PRAYER VIGIL, so we do ask for those who attend to be fairly silent or to speak quietly. Please no sign that say, "honk to support".

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.

Dates for Your Calendar

October 16	Hand2Hand Packing
October 22	The Great Pumpkin Party
October 28	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
October 30	Monthly Prayer Gathering Hand2Hand Packing
December 6	Christmas Caroling

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

Alofs-C. Helder	Ric Lucas	616-403-7817
	Joel Kryger	616-218-5782
D. Helder – Leep	Dave Helder	616-836-0372
	Dale Walters	616-422-3105
Louwerse – Shoemaker	Gary Meiste	616-218-4288
	Mike Schierbeek	616-610-6932
Slenk - Zeerip	Wayne Tjarks	616-741-9001
	Matt Maas	616-422-6981

NIEKERK STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION

INTERIM PASTOR – Pastor John Nyitray

Phone: 616-396-4388 #3

Cell Phone: 616-834-3853

Email: John@niekerkcrc.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Julie Mulder

Phone: 616-396-4388

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am to 2 pm

Email: secretary@niekerkcrc.org

WORSHIP COORDINATOR – Carol Hochhalter

Phone: 616-396-4388 #4

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to noon

Email: worshipleader@niekerkcrc.org

PRAYER LINE: 616-396-2697

NIEKERK-GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: countryclub

NIEKERK-LISTEN: listen545

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

*****Go to www.niekerkcrc.org under “sermons” menu*****