



And the Lord added to their number
daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47b

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

October 5, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Baptism Declan Lee Vander Zwaag Communion

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

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

***Holy Forever**

Confession and Assurance

***I Then Shall Live**

Baptism

***Family of God**

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Samaritans Purse

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Scripture: Acts 2:36-47 – page 1693

Message: **Being the Church**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord

The Mercy Tree Litany

Prayer of Application

*God's Blessing

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

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

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****This Is My Father's World***

****Good, Good Father***

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Samaritans Purse

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****He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)***

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7— page 112

Message: **The Sin of Discontent**

Prayer

****Psalm 27***

*God's Blessing

****All Through the Day***

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*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 Baptism.
Lesson: Noah's Ark; Leaders: Melinda Kryger & Jessica Schutter

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,791. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

October 5	Samaritans Purse
October 12	Forgotten Man Ministries
October 19	Heights of Hope
October 26	World Renew

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Carol Venema & Pat Texer
	PM: Dawn Folkert & Linda Timmer
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Melinda Kryger & Kathi Petroelje
	PM: Dana Hondred & Kaylin Van Dyke

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
	6:00 PM	High School 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
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Senior (65+) Singes
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (James 3:1-12)
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Saturday	6:10 PM	Youth Group Event

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Harvey Helder!** He will be 94 years old on Monday. His favorite verse is, "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12

Continue to lift up in prayer **Pam Holmes** and her family at this time, as Pam is receiving hospice care. Pray that the Lord will make His presence and peace known.

Give thanks that **Carolyn Jacobsen's** and **Karen Lucas'** shoulder surgeries went well. Pray for their continued healing.

Continue to pray for **Jerry and Elaine Brower**. Pray for renewed strength and patience for Jerry. Elaine's heart valve surgery has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th.

Continue to pray that **Cal Scheerbeek** and **Bill Keen** will have strength for each day. Pray for their healing.

Pray for the **VanderZwaag family**. As Declan is baptized this morning, give thanks for his life and pray that Ken and Laura will have all they need as they raise their children and continue to point them to Jesus.

Pray for the Council as they meet together tomorrow evening. Ask the Lord to lead and guide them by the Holy Spirit. Continue to lift up the Search Team in their work as well.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Youth Group as they meet this evening. Ask that their time together would be encouraging for each one.
- Lift up the retirees of Niekerk Church as they gather this week. Pray that God would give them good fellowship, as well as a vision for God's call on their lives in these retirement years.
- Remember Sunday School and Catechism instructors, Cadets and GEMS leaders, Little Lambs and Kids' Club teachers as they prepare for their ministry on a regular basis. Ask that God would guide each one by his Spirit.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth Group: Youth Group starts tonight after the evening service from 6:10-7:45pm. We will be eating dinner together and talking about the year ahead. Feel free to take your friends. We hope to see you there!

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Our next event will be Saturday, October 18. Stay tuned for more details and a sign-up sheet to come soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies Getaway! November 11, 12 & 13. Today is the last day to sign up! Come, join us for a fun getaway at Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana, Indiana. Do some shopping, work on your favorite craft. Just come and relax and enjoy some wonderful fellowship and great food! Sign up at the Information Center. For questions, contact Deb Bosch at 616-796-4554.

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!

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.

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. Thanks!

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.

Great Pumpkin Party, October 16! Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to help on October 16! We are just over halfway on the sign-up sheets for the volunteers that are needed, so if you haven't signed up, please consider helping us in welcoming our neighbors to a great night of fun and fellowship. Thanks, Community Impact Team

Kids Dessert Bake-off Contest! 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.

Women's Bible Study 2025. Women's Bible Study 2025 will meet this week Tuesday, October 7, in the Fellowship Center from 9:30am to 10:45am. Please come prepared to discuss Lesson 3.

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.

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.*

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.

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/7dyxytju>.



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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