



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
November 15, 2020

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 15, 2020
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Holy Is the Lord**

***Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)**

Heights of Hope Video

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

***Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Children's Message

Scripture: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

Message: **Here Am I, Send Me**

Prayer of Application

***Build Your Kingdom Here**

*God's Blessing

***Here I Am, Lord**

Postlude

Offering: The Benevolent Fund

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist: Karen Lucas

Pianist: Jen Leep

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Live Stream. The morning and evening services will be live at 9:30am and 6:00pm on the website www.niekerkcrc.org under sermons. The services will also be uploaded immediately following the live stream to watch later in the day.

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service for children age 3 and 4. Lesson—Hannah & Samuel; Leaders—Kyleigh, Adalynn & Savannah Render

Nursery Attendants:

This week: Kate Van Dyke, Kaylin Van Dyke & Melinda Kryger

Next week: Trisha Texer, Jim & Dana Hondred

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—6:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

****Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***

****One Thing Remains***

Lord's Day 1

Prayer

****I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace***

Scripture: **Matthew 15:21-28**

Message: **The Faith of the Canaanite Woman**

Prayer of Application

****When Peace Like a River***

*God's Blessing

****In Christ Alone***

Postlude

Offering: The Benevolent Fund

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist: Marge Boeve

Pianist: Jen Leep

Last week's envelope collections totaled \$11,355. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule for November:

November 15 Benevolent Fund

November 22 Heights of Hope

November 26 Back to God Hour

November 29 Atlas

CHANGE TO WORSHIP COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

The Executive Committee has continued to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our community and has made every effort to strike a balance between mandated precautions and the freedom of personal responsibility. Daily positive tests and hospitalizations have risen significantly, and it is appropriate for us to return to a seating arrangement that requires social distancing throughout the sanctuary and mask-wearing both when moving through the building and while singing. Everyone is invited to attend worship. The Fellowship Center will be set up for overflow. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and for the patience and grace necessary while it continues.

Update: The Executive Committee, with input from Council members, has determined it is best to suspend serving coffee after the morning services.

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Monday	6:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Ladies Craft Day
	6:30 PM	Pickleball
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
	6:15 PM	Cadets
	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday	9:00 AM	Pickleball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's that time again to gather information for the December newsletter. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, November 22**. 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.

High School Catechism Is Canceled Today.

GEMS Is Canceled this Week. Further information will be emailed.

The Annual Mitten-Plus Drive. This is the final week for your donation to the Mitten Drive! Items are due next Sunday, November 22!

The Thanksgiving Offering Envelope. It is that time of year again where we show God thanks for all the blessings he has given us throughout the year by giving through the Thanksgiving offering. The Thanksgiving envelope will be in your mailbox today and in the bulletin racks. If you are unable to pick up your envelope before or after church this year due to the pandemic, please contact your district Deacon; they would be happy to get one to you by mail or personal delivery. Please remember, the envelopes need to be returned by Sunday, November 29, and if you write in a cause, it needs to be to a non-profit organization.

Donations for Honduras. We encourage the Niekerk members to prayerfully consider blessing the people of Gracias, Honduras as part of the Thanksgiving offering. When making out a check, please leave the memo portion of the check blank and write "Honduras" on the envelope. If you would like to donate in cash, please place it in an envelope labeled for "Honduras" also. Loose money in the offering on Sundays and Thanksgiving Day will continue to be for the designated missions.

Things look a bit different this year, but the **Heights of Hope Christmas Store is happening!** Our staff has found some creative ways to make volunteering possible and our neighbors have worked hard to earn credit to shop in the store! We have an Amazon wish list again this this year and paper gift tags with suggested gift ideas will be coming soon. Let us make Christmas just as great as any other year for our neighbors! Check your email for more information and feel free to contact Mandy Bullers-Hutcheson at 616-589-6612 or mandyb@heightsofhope.org. Here is a link to the Amazon wish list

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16A7293SQ9GQW?ref=wl_share. *Items are due December 6.*

The Security Team is Seeking Volunteers. Responsibilities include checking the church property before and during services, locking doors and coordinating with first responders in the event of a medical emergency. Please contact Jon Boeve at (616) 836-2950 for more information.

The Color of Compromise. We have had great discussions around *The Color of Compromise*. Our next time to listen, learn, and discuss will be Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Center. We would love to have you join us at any time. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Jamie Hop, Jen Leep, or Mary Jo Staal.

Picture Directory—Pictures Still Needed! The holidays are a great time for taking family photos! Email or mail or put in the kitchen mail slot a copy of the picture to Julie Mulder at secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

Hand2Hand. Plastic bags are needed! We will be collecting canned vegetables (no larger than 15-16 oz) and peanut butter (16 oz) for the rest of October through December. Feel free to donate multiple items if you are able as we are putting more food in the bags this year.

Catechism for 4th-8th Grade. Due to low attendance (17%), the 4th-8th grade classes will not have in-person instruction for the months of November and December. We will reevaluate the situation at the New Year. The materials for the classes will be distributed to each student. The parents should monitor their children to make sure the lessons are being done on a regular basis. It is very important that the students keep up on the lessons. The catechism curriculum follows a sequence which takes the students through the entire Heidelberg Catechism. We, as an Education Committee, feel that students studying catechism will better understand the Bible, will develop a stronger faith, will be encouraged to commit their lives to Christ, and make public profession of faith.

Nursery Volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please contact Renee Texer at reneetexer@gmail.com if you would be willing to volunteer in nursery on these days.

Youth Director Position. As many of you may know, Caleb Nykamp will be finished with his studies at the end of this year and will be looking for a full-time ministry position. Caleb intends to finish with this year's youth ministries season, but we are beginning to look for his replacement. If you know of someone who you think might be able to fill this role, please let either Greg Leenstra or Meredith Sybesma know.

Returnable 10¢ cans and bottles for the Youth Group. You may drop off returnable cans any time by the storage building (garage).

Church Assistance Program. Are you feeling guilty, helpless or overwhelmed by your drinking or substance use? Worried about losing a relationship, your job or home? Feel like your life would be better if you stopped? Don't fight this alone. For free and confidential help, call our CAP at 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809. Make sure to identify yourself as a CAP client.

Dates for Your Calendar:

- November 22 High School Catechism & Sunday School
- November 25 The Color of Compromise Study
- November 26 Thanksgiving Day Service & Communion

Elder and Deacon Districts:

A-Bowman	Doug Wedeven	Scott Sybesma
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk	Kevin Schut
Haan-Janssen	Paul Bulthuis	Joel Kryger
Jones-Leep	John Janssen	Mike Schierbeek
Louwerse-Plaggemars	Ron Dalman	Dean Koopman
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*****All services are streamed live*****

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