



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
November 22, 2020

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 22, 2020
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

****Behold Our God***

Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture: **Jeremiah 36**

Message: **God's Final Warning**

Prayer of Application *

****Before the Throne of God Above***

*God's Blessing

Postlude

Offering: Heights of Hope

Pastor Darren Kornelis

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—6:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

****Your Name***

Prayer

Scripture: **Matthew 18:12-14**

Message: **Wandering Sheep**

Prayer of Application

****Wonderful, Merciful Savior***

*God's Blessing

Postlude

Offering: Heights of Hope

Pastor Jason Pierce

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE—9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

****Let All Things Now Living***

Prayer

****Now Thank We All Our God***

Scripture: **Colossians 2:6-7**

Message: **Overflowing Thankfulness**

Prayer

****We Will Remember***

*God's Blessing

Postlude

Offering: Back to God Hour

Pastor Jason Pierce

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 Thanksgiving Day service will be live streamed too. The services will be uploaded immediately following the live stream to watch later in the day.

Last week's envelope collections totaled \$8,815. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule for November:

November 22 Heights of Hope

November 26 Back to God Hour

November 29 Atlas

COVID-19 WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Due to the spike in COVID cases in the area, schools closing, hospitals near capacity, and cases rising in our own congregation the Executive Team has decided to switch back to online-only services for the next three weeks, including the Thanksgiving service.

Programming on Sundays and midweek are also on hold (i.e. Youth Group, Cadets, Gems, Bible Study, etc...). The church will be locked all week and the Executive Committee asks that those with keys refrain from using them unless completely necessary. Niekerk Council asks for your prayers and grace during these difficult times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline Today. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news today. Notes can be placed in the kitchen service door mail slot or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

The Annual Mitten-Plus Drive. This is the final week for your donation to the Mitten Drive! Items are due by Wednesday. You can drop off your donations at Entrance B (east entrance) Monday through Wednesday next week between 8:00am and 2:00pm.

December Congregational Meeting. The 2021 budget and corresponding ballots have been mailed to all Niekerk professing members along with instructions on how to ask questions and return your vote. If you have not received this information by next week Friday, November 27, please contact the church office.

New Elder and Deacons. The Niekerk Council is beginning the process of selecting new Elders and Deacons to serve. We are asking professing members of the congregation to submit names of men they feel are qualified to serve. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form that was mailed or emailed to you and return it to the church office by regular mail, the kitchen mail slot, by scanning and emailing it to the church email address secretary@niekerkcrc.org, or by calling your District Elder. We ask that all replies be sent by noon Monday, December 21.

The Thanksgiving Offering Envelope. Due to the canceling of services for the next few weeks, including Thanksgiving Day worship services, we will not be able to collect the Thanksgiving offering using normal procedures. If you did not take your Thanksgiving offering envelope from your mailbox, your envelope will be mailed to you. The Deacons are asking that you either mail your envelope to church or drop it in the kitchen mail slot by the east entrance. For security reasons, we will be emptying the box by the mail slot multiple times for the next few weeks. Thanks for your cooperation! Envelopes are due Sunday, November 29.

Personal Heights of Hope Christmas Store Shopper! If you would like to donate items to the Christmas store, but don't want to get out—Todd Sneller would love to shop for you! If you have gifts you need delivered to the Heights of Hope Community Center, give Todd a call at 616-218-2074. Thanks, Todd!

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 year and an email with suggested gift ideas was sent. 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. *Items are due December 6.* Here is a link to the Amazon wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16A7293SQ9GQW?ref=wl_share.

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". Loose money in the offering on Sundays and Thanksgiving Day will continue to be for the designated missions

Free Food Items from Hungry for Christ are in a freezer at church. If you or anyone you know can use the following food items, please contact Bill or Carol Keen. Items are: turkey roasts, ground turkey, sausage links, sausage patties, 5-pound pans of turkey and stuffing, 4 servings of ham and cheesy potatoes, and bottles of juice.

Spread some much-needed joy this season! Join us on Wednesday, December 9, for **Christmas Caroling!** Meet in the church parking lot at 5:45pm. To make this a safe event, each household will stay together for transportation and singing. Caroling will be outside homes and care facilities and the route/song sheets will be given to you when you arrive at church. What a great way to spread God's love this season. Please join us! (This event will be canceled if a stay-at-home order is in effect).

The Color of Compromise. We are canceling the December 9 discussion night. We look forward to listening, learning, and discussing again in January. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with 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.

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.

Nursery Volunteers for Christmas. Please contact Renee Texer at reneetexer@gmail.com if you would be willing to volunteer.

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. This year the holiday season promises to look very different from anything we have experienced before! While some apprehension may be expected, when it turns into persistent sleepless nights and endless worrying, you may be struggling with an anxiety disorder. Call your CAP at 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 for free and confidential support. Make sure to identify yourself as a CAP client.

Dates for Your Calendar:

- November 26 Thanksgiving Day Service
- December 6 Live Stream Congregational Meeting
- December 8-10 Budget Questions
- December 9 Christmas Caroling
- December 11 Email Q&A on the Budget
- December 21 Ballot Deadline
- December 27 Budget Vote Results

Elder and Deacon Districts:

A-Bowman

Brandsen-Grotenhuis

Haan-Janssen

Jones-Leep

Louwerse-Plaggemars

Prince - Shoemaker

Slenk-Tjarks

Tucker-Zeerip

Doug Wedeven

Bob Steenwyk

Paul Bulthuis

John Janssen

Ron Dalman

Greg Leenstra

Mark Hop

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Joel Kryger

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

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