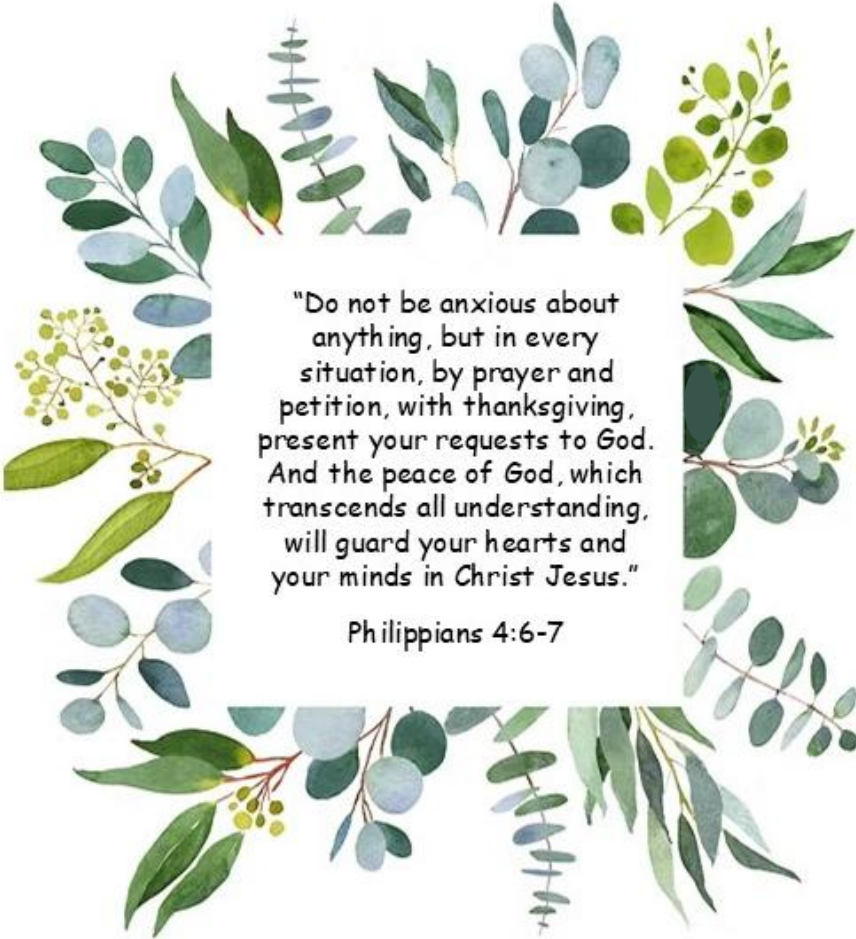




"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
November 23, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 23, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Gratitude**

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

***Purify My Heart**

Preparatory

Words of Assurance

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

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Growing Hope Globally

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***We Long to See You**

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9 – page 1827

Message: **A Thanksgiving Primer**

Prayer

***Graves into Gardens**

*God's Blessing

***The Benediction Song**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

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 following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Psalm 113**

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

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Growing Hope Globally

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Like a River Glorious**

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-14 – page 1827

Message: **Learning to be Content**

Prayer

***How Firm a Foundation**

*God's Blessing

***We've Come This Far By Faith**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

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: Jonah; Leaders: Lisa Kragt & Abby Helder

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$7,676. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- November 23 Growing Hope Globally
- November 27 Holland Rescue Mission (Thanksgiving)
- November 30 Building Men For Life

Nursery Attendants:

- This Week: AM: Kathi Petroelje & Renee & Emma Texer
PM: Kaylin Van Dyke & Deb Slenk
- Thanksgiving: AM: Char Janssen & Kim Walters
- Next Week: AM: Laura VanderZwaag & Sara Heeres
PM: Jenn Schierbeek & Sandy Van Dyke

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

- Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 AM Catechism & Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Choir Practice
- 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- 6:00 PM High School Youth Group
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Thursday 9:30 AM Thanksgiving Day Service
- Friday 7:00 AM Monthly Prayer Meeting

COUNCIL NOTES

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, at 7:00pm. The proposed budget is in your church mailbox.

Absentee Ballots are at the Information Center for those unable to attend the meeting in person. Ballots returned in an envelope with a member's signature on the envelope will be accepted. A box is provided at the Information Center for absentee ballot returns.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During this week marked by thanksgiving, pray, asking the Lord to remind us of the many ways He has brought blessing and given so much for which we can be thankful.

Our sympathy is extended to **Betty (Jones) Jansen** in the passing of her husband, Roger, on Wednesday, November 19. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Pray for those who stand in need of God's healing and sustaining strength. Continue to pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen, Jerry Brower, Jean Tjarks and Lou Wagenveld**. Pray for **Judy Chacko** as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Pray for the missions and missionaries we help to support. This week, pray for the work and ministry of **Laura Helder, Josh and Anna, Aaron & Laurel Green, Growing Hope Globally** as well as others the Lord brings to mind.

Continue in prayer for the **Pastoral Search Team** as they seek out the next **pastor** who will serve the Lord at Niekerk Church. Pray for that **pastor and his family** as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline Today. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news today. 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.

Benevolent Fund Offering. The Deacons have approved several larger Benevolent disbursements which have depleted a fair amount of the available resources. The Deacons are asking the congregation to consider giving financially to the Benevolent Fund during the Thanksgiving Offering and there will be a Benevolent Fund loose offering scheduled on Sunday, December 7.

Last week's Wednesday Night at Niekerk turkey dinner was another huge success thanks to wonderful donations along with the planning and work of so many members of our church. Over 220 meals were eaten in the Fellowship Center or as meals-to-go. The Lord has blessed us all once again.

Bravo CRC is very thankful for all the coats and blankets. They also took the food. Bravo works closely with Ladders of Hope, and their shelves were emptied on Monday, November 10. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Niekerk Holiday Choir will sing for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Rehearsals continue today after the morning worship service. All singing adults are welcome to join us in the choir room.

Christmas Caroling! Sunday, December 7, after the evening service with a light supper to follow. Sign up at the Information Center so food for the evening can be prepared.

RightNow Media. You should have received an email with the link to sign up for your account. If you did not receive the link and would still like access to RightNow Media, please let Joe or Trish Texer know or scan the QR code. If you have any questions on how to sign up, we would be glad to help.



Save the Date: Our Children's Christmas Program (Little Lambs age to 5th graders) will be during the morning service on December 14.

Heights of Hope Christmas Store is getting ready for the season and needs to stock the shelves for the shoppers. *If you like to shop with a suggested gift tag, they can be picked up at the Information Center.* The Amazon Wishlist is ready, click the link below or go to HeightsofHope.org and under the tab Programs click on the Christmas Store. Also, check your email for more links and options at <https://www.heightsofhope.org/programs/the-christmas-store>. The deadline is December 7.



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.

Hand2Hand is collecting Chicken Noodle or Chicken Rice canned soup (no larger than 11oz) and individual chocolate or vanilla pudding cups (non-refrigerated pudding cups) for November and December. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Advanced Notice. Put on your calendar January 24 for a Puzzle Tournament and February 21 for the Cornhole Tournament.

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/7dyxtjyu>.



Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Hope and Support for the Holidays. Not feeling merry this holiday season? Shorter days, holiday pressures, financial strain, or family conflict can all contribute to feelings of depression. Don't let these challenges steal your holiday joy—your CAP is here to help. Visit pinerest.org/scheduling or call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk Church to schedule your free and confidential counseling.

Date for Your Calendar

December 1	Council Meeting
December 3	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
December 8	Congregational Meeting
December 14	Children's Christmas Program
December 17	GEMS & Cadets
January 2	December's Monthly Prayer Meeting
January 24	Puzzle Tournament
January 30	Monthly Prayer Meeting
February 21	Cornhole Tournament

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