



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
December 20, 2020

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 20, 2020
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

****Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

****O Come All Ye Faithful***

Prayer

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Message: **Zealous for the Lord**

Prayer

****Christmas Hymn***

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Message: **Zealous for the Lord**

Prayer

****He Shall Reign Forevermore***

God's Blessing

****Joy to the World! The Lord Has Come***

Postlude

Offering: Hand2Hand Ministries

Pastor

Organist: Karen Lucas

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Live Stream. The morning and evening services will be live at 9:30am and 6:00pm on the website www.niekerkrcrc.org under sermons. The services will 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—Christmas; Leaders—Kim Walters, Dana Hondred & Lisa Kragt

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—6:00pm

Prelude

Advent Reading

Reading from:

The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones. Zondervan, 2007.

O Holy Night – Ella Kiekintveld

Welcome

Call to Worship

***O Come, O Come Immanuel**

***Glory of Christmas**

Children's Message and Advent Candle

Prayer

***What Child Is This?**

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Message: **Getting to Mary's Song**

Prayer of Application

***All Is Well**

God's Blessing

***Silent Night**

Postlude

Offering: Hand2Hand Ministries

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist: Marge Boeve

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: Jessica Schutter, Kathi Petroelje & Meredith Sybesma

Christmas Day: Deb Slenk & Jenn Schierbeek

Next Week: Kaylin Van Dyke, Melanie Russcher & Jenn Schierbeek

Last week's envelope collections totaled \$8,995. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule for December:

December 20 Hand2Hand Ministries

December 25 Holland Rescue Mission

December 27 Resonate Global Missions

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BALLOTS

Ballots must be returned by noon Monday, December 21! by the means noted in the November 19 info email. Based on the votes, Council will affirm the decision, if appropriate, and report the decision in the December 27 bulletin. Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for Council throughout this challenging year. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

Niekerk Family,

The Council reviewed options for worship in December and decided it is best to offer in person services again with restrictions.

Our morning and evening services will be open to all who want to attend with social distancing in all pews and the overflow area in the Fellowship Center. To continue protecting our most vulnerable members and considering the still high number of COVID cases in Ottawa County, the Council is requiring that masks be used while moving through the church and while singing in the sanctuary or Fellowship Center. Coffee after services will not be provided; however, nursery is planned to be available for the morning services.

Programming on Sundays and midweek remains on hold (Youth Group, Cadets, GEMS, Bible Study, etc.). Facility rentals will follow the Michigan Health Department directive in force at the time.

Niekerk Council continues to ask for your prayers and grace during these difficult times. We also thank God that Niekerk members contracting COVID have recovered or are on their way to recovery.

The Niekerk Council

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Carl Helder's surgery on his rotator cuff on Wednesday went well. He will only have to wear a brace for six weeks. Pray for continued healing.

John Janssen remains at Spectrum Butterworth, recovering from a second surgery to place two additional stents this last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline Today! Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists 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.

Christmas Cards for Our Members at Home. *Cards are due today!* The congregation is encouraged to prepare cards for our home members. The cards may be put in the kitchen mail slot or mailed directly to them. The addresses are printed in the December Niekerk News. The cards will be collected and distributed by Henry Bosch. The members are: Bea Boeve, Judy Bosch, Juliet Brower, Margaret Bowman, Dort Deters, Bob & Deb Eisen, Nick & Alice Ellerbroek, Ally Janssen, Shirley Lubbers, Betty Martinie, Lorraine Nykamp, Jim & Lorraine Snay, Joyce VanderBent-Davids, and Angie Zeerip.

New Elder and Deacons. *Monday is the last day to submit names!* 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.

Christmas Virtual Escape Room! Grab your laptop, iPad or phone and a couple of family members and compete in the Niekerk Christmas Virtual Escape Room! The online link will be active until December 24. The recommended group size is 2-6 people, but the more the merrier! On average, it says to plan on roughly 60-75 minutes. You can do it any time that works for you, so gather your A Squad and click on the link to start! Text Caleb your group time once you escape—the top two teams will win a prize!
<https://escape32452345243.dymgames.com/>

A Thank You from Cheryl Bosch. I am humbled by the love and generosity of my friends and family at Niekerk. At first it was hard for me to believe the amount of money given to the people of Honduras and then I remembered that I am a part of the wonderful people of Niekerk. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you will be doing for the those in Gracias and the surrounding area. God's love and care will truly be seen in the next weeks and months.

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. 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.

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

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:

- December 20 Christmas Cards Due
- December 21 Ballot Deadline
- December 27 Budget Vote Results

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
Prince - Shoemaker	Greg Leenstra	Bryan Van Dyke
Slenk-Tjarks	Mark Hop	Shane Plaggemars
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*****All services are streamed live*****

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