



Joy

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 21, 2025  
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

## Advent Week #4

Prelude

Advent Reading – Matthew Slack

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Angels from the Realms of Glory**

**\*Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**\*Manger Throne**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**\*Adore**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Multiplication Network

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Choir: *Like a Rose*

Scripture: Isaiah 35 – page 1113

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – page 1838

Message: **A Mission of Joy**

Prayer

**\*Joy to the World**

Benediction

**\*Gloria**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Organist: Karen Lucas

\*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](http://www.niekerkcrc.org) under sermons. The services will be uploaded following the live stream.

# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

## Candlelight Service

Prelude

Welcome

Isaiah 9:2 & 6

**\*O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Isaiah 40:1-2, 10-11

**\*Of the Father's Love Begotten**

Prayer of Praise

Offering: Multiplication Network

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Offertory: *What Child Is This*

Luke 2:1-7

Choir: *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Luke 2:8-12

**\*Away in a Manger**

Luke 2:13-14

**Gloria**

**\*Angels We Have Heard on High**

Luke 2:15-16

**\*Light of the Stable**

Luke 2:17-20

**\*Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child**

John 1:9-14

**\*Joy to the World**

Choir: *All Is Well*

**\*Silent Night, Holy Night**

God's Blessing

**\*Of the Father's Love Begotten**

Postlude

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Violinist: Mason Sybesma

\*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.

**Little Lambs will not meet today. It will start again next week.**

**Catechism and Sunday School will not meet today due to the holiday.** It will begin again January 4, 2026.

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$10,580.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

December 21    Multiplication Network  
December 25    Bravo CRC (Christmas Day)  
December 28    Special Education of Holland

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week:    AM: Margaret Timmer & Lisa Kragt  
                          PM: Trisha Texer & Dawn Folkert  
Christmas Day: AM: Kim Walters, Emma & Kayla Texer  
Next Week:    AM: Melanie Russcher, Renee & Emma Texer  
                          PM: Melinda Kryger & Char Janssen

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Choir Practice
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:00 PM	HS Youth Group
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Thursday	9:30 AM	Christmas Day Service
	10:30 AM	Cookies and Refreshments

**COUNCIL NOTES**

**The Council** will begin in January the process of nominating new Elders and Deacons. To assist in this process, we desire your input as well. In your mailbox there is a suggestion form for each professing member to fill out and return to the suggestion box at the Information Center. Today is the last day to turn in this form.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**High School Youth Group:** We will continue our study on Job on Sunday, December 21. Looking forward to seeing you!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Gary Morren** was hospitalized with pneumonia and was able to return home on Tuesday. Pray for healing and a full recovery from pneumonia.

**Lou and MaryAnne Wagenveld** both received favorable reports regarding their health concerns. Thanking the Lord for this news and expressing appreciation for your caring prayers.

Give thanks for those who helped lead the **children's program** last Sunday and for the ways He encouraged us all through this special time.

Pray as **families and friends gather** in this Christmas time, that our celebrations will be marked by joy and a deeper love and appreciation for the Savior, Jesus.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing grace. Give thanks that **Carol Smith** was able to return home from the hospital. Pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen, and Jerry Brower**. Pray for **those you know** who are awaiting test results and further treatment.

Pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. Pray for **Mark Timmer** in these weeks. His dialysis schedule during the holidays will include Sundays.

Pray for the missionaries we are privileged to bless by prayer and financial support. This week remember, **Laura Helder, Josh & Virginia Ham, Josh & Anna, and Multiplication Network**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tonight, December 21, is the candlelight service.** Join us for a service of scripture and song, as we read, sing, and pray our way through the Christmas story. Musicians and readers of all ages will take part in this joyful celebration.

**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@niekerkrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkrc.org).

**Valet Parking.** The Deacons would like to offer/help arrange valet parking for anyone interested during the winter months as the parking lot can get icy. This will be at the east side entrance of the building "Door B" only. It will be for both services starting 1/2 hour before the service with vehicles returned after the service.

**Attention Puzzle Lovers of All Ages!** Get ready for some friendly competition and fun at our Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament Saturday, January 24! Gather your best puzzling friends to make a team that will guarantee fun times! Join us for an exciting event where everyone will be working on the same puzzle at the same time! (Adult category and kids' category) Sign-up today on the sheet at the Information Center. We can't wait to see you there!

**World Renew** invites you to make a difference this season through its Gift Catalog that was in your church mailbox, where each meaningful gift helps families overcome poverty and experience God's love in practical ways. As you consider giving, please also pray that these gifts would be a source of hope for families striving to rebuild their lives. Visit [worldnew.net/gifts](http://worldnew.net/gifts) to learn more.

**Severe Weather Policy.** Cancellation notifications will be sent using the email [info@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:info@niekerkcrc.org), and on TV stations 3, 8, and 13. The Administrative Leadership Team will decide whether or not congregation-wide meetings and functions such as worship services, congregational meetings and the like will be cancelled. **If you receive the bulletin and Niekerk newsletter by email, you will get the severe weather email too.**

**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.



**Help Provide a Meal for Circles this Winter!** Each Tuesday night, Heights of Hope's Circles program gathers around a shared meal before diving into an evening of connection, support, and transformation. Interested in helping out? Learn more or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/7dyxtyju>.



**Cookies Needed.** Store bought or homemade cookies are needed for after the morning worship service to be served with refreshments. The January list is available at the Information Center.

**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 December. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

**Pine Rest Church Assistance Program.** Life is busy! Don't neglect your mental health among the hustle and bustle of everyday tasks. Niekerk provides free counseling to you and your household members through our CAP. No co-pay, no out-of-pocket cost...just free, confidential services to help you be the best version of you. Simply call 1-800-442-0809 and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk CRC to access free and confidential counseling.

### **Date for Your Calendar**

January 2 December's Monthly Prayer Gathering  
January 24 Puzzle Tournament  
January 30 Monthly Prayer Gathering  
February 21 Cornhole Tournament

### **Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:**

Alofs-Folkert	Gary Meiste	616-218-4288
	John Timmer	616-836-0405
Gale-Kapenga	Dan Petroelje	616-403-5931
	Joel Kryger	616-218-5782
Keen-Nykamp	Steve Slenk	616-836-1011
	Mike Schierbeek	616-610-6932
Paiz-Sneller	Dave Helder	616-836-0372
	Matt Maas	616-422-6981
Staal-Zeerip	Ric Lucas	616-403-7817
	Dale Walters	616-422-3105

## **NIEKERK STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **INTERIM PASTOR** – Pastor John Nyitray

Phone: 616-396-4388 #3

Cell Phone: 616-834-3853

Email: [John@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:John@niekerkcrc.org)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** – Julie Mulder

Phone: 616-396-4388

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am to 2 pm

Email: [secretary@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org)

### **YOUTH DIRECTOR** - Trisha Texer

Phone: 616-396-4388

Email: [youthdirector@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:youthdirector@niekerkcrc.org)

### **WORSHIP COORDINATOR** – Carol Hochhalter

Phone: 616-396-4388 #4

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to noon

Email: [worshipleader@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:worshipleader@niekerkcrc.org)

### **FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** – Kathi Petroelje

Phone: 616-481-5289

Email: [kpetroelje@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:kpetroelje@niekerkcrc.org)

**PRAYER LINE:** 616-396-2697

**NIEKERK-GUEST WIFI PASSWORD:** countryclub

**NIEKERK-LISTEN:** listen545

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

***\*\*Go to [www.niekerkcrc.org](http://www.niekerkcrc.org) under “sermons” menu\*\****