

You are a Child of God



You are wonderfully
made, dearly loved
and precious in His
sight. Before God
made you, He knew
you. There is no one
else like you!

Psalms 139

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
December 28, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 28, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Advent Reading – Matthew Slack

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Angels We Have Heard on High**

***Light of the Stable**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Crown Him (Christmas)**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Special Education of Holland

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-4:7 – page 1810

Message: **What If Christmas Didn't Happen?**

Prayer

***Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**

Benediction

***Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Postlude

Pastor Jim Dykstra

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*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

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Confession of Faith

***In Christ Alone**

Prayer

Offering: Special Education of Holland

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***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts**

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 – page 1502

Message: **The Rest of the Story**

Prayer

***Abide With Me**

*God's Blessing

***Abide With Me**

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

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

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: John Baptizes Jesus; Leaders: Kim Walters & Kayla Texer

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$12,500. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

December 28	Special Education of Holland
January 4	Niekerk Christian Education Fund
January 11	Lao CRC
January 18	Positive Options
January 25	Cadets International

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Melanie Russcher, Renee & Emma Texer
	PM: Melinda Kryger & Char Janssen
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Dana Hondred, Kathie & Claire Helder
	PM: Linda Timmer & Sara Heeres

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Friday	7:00 AM	Prayer Gathering

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Give thanks for the inspiration of Christmas music, the beauty of our church building decorated and the work of sidewalks cleared to help make this year's Advent worship services at Niekerk filled with blessings.

Pray that as a congregation we will be **growing in Christ** and seeking to be a clear bright **light for Him** in the coming year.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing grace. 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. This week, remember **Ida Janssen, Jerene Janssen, Donna Grotenhuis, and Mark Timmer**.

Pray for the missionaries we are privileged to bless by prayer and financial support. This week pray for the work and ministry happening at **Bravo Christian Reformed Church**. Pray for their **council** and **Pastor Duane Terpstra**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Hand2Hand is collecting Goldfish cracker packages and Ramen noodle packs (3oz size only, no large bowls) for January. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Severe Weather Policy. Cancellation notifications will be sent using the email 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.**

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.

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Our CAP includes unlimited online access to thousands of **wellness resources!** Browse articles, assessments, webinars, calculators, and videos to help you with all facets of life, including professional and personal growth, legal issues, emotional wellbeing, relationships and more. Take advantage of the locator tool to find childcare, elder care, school, camps, pet services, and more within your zip code. Visit www.pinerest.personaladvantage.com and enter niekerkrcrCAP.

Date for Your Calendar

January 4	HS Youth Group
January 5	Council Meeting
January 7	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
January 9	Hand2Hand Packing
January 16	Hand2Hand Packing
January 18	HS Youth Group
January 19	Red Cross Blood Drive
January 21	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
January 24	Puzzle Tournament
January 30	Monthly Prayer Gathering
February 21	Cornhole Tournament

Ministry Priorities:

- *Encountering God in worship
- *Nurturing full devotion to Christ
- *Loving and caring for everyone
- *Reaching out in service and witness

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