



Peace

*Since we have been justified through
faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ*

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 7, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Communion Advent Week #2

Prelude

Advent Reading

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

***O Come, All You Unfaithful**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Living Hope**

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: The Benevolent Fund

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

A Child of Hope – choir

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 – page 1125

Romans 15:12-13 – page 1765

Message: **A Mission of Hope**

Prayer

***Be Unto Your Name**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Hope Has a Name

Meekness and Majesty

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

***Gloria** – Choir and congregation

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Jen Leep

Organist: Karen Lucas

Choir Accompanist: Kristi Driscoll

Soloist: Dan Petroelje

*Stand as you are able

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***O Come, All Ye Faithful**

***Angels We Have Heard on High**

Early Christian Hymn – Philippians 2:6-11

Adore

Prayer

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***O Come, O Come Immanuel**

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 – page 1500

Message: **Joseph: One Common, Yet Uncommon**

Prayer

***Amazing Grace**

*God's Blessing

***Once in Royal David's City**

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

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.

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. Advance notice: *Little Lambs will not meet on December 14 and 21. We will start up again on December 28.* Lesson: Shepherds & Wiseman; Leaders: Lori & Reagan Boeve and Emma Texer

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$4,725. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

December 7	Benevolent Fund
December 14	Holland Deacons' Conference
December 21	Multiplication Network
December 25	Bravo CRC (Christmas Day)
December 28	Special Education of Holland

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Pat Texer & Jessica Schutter
	PM: Kris Roelofs & Lindsey Haan
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Sue Hoekstra & Abby Helder
	PM: Char Janssen & Deb Haan

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	10:45 AM	Choir Practice
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	6:00 PM	Caroling
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
	6:15 PM	Children's Program Practice
Thursday	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Friday	6:00 PM	Youth Group Event

COUNCIL NOTES

The Congregational Meeting will be held tomorrow, December 8, at 7:00pm. The proposed budget was 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.

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 it to the suggestion box at the Information Center by Sunday, December 21, 2025.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle and High School Youth Group: Our Christmas party is this Friday, December 12, from 6-8:30pm in the youth building. Dinner will be provided. Come for some Christmas celebration fun! Sign up at the Information Center. See you soon!

High School Youth Group: We will continue our study on Job this week Sunday, December 7, and Sunday, December 21. Looking forward to seeing you then!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Ivan Janssen**! He will be 80 years old on Saturday. His favorite verse is, "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:5

Pray for those who stand in need of Lord's healing and sustaining grace. Pray for **Jean Tjarks** as she waits for radiation treatments to be scheduled. Remember as well, **Cal Schierbeek, Jerry Brower, Bill Keen** and **Judy Chacko**.

Pray for the missions and missionaries we help to support. This week, pray for **Laura Helder, Josh and Anna, Aaron & Laurel Green, James Langteau, and Josh & Virginia Ham**.

Pray with gratitude for the many ways the Lord has been at work in the life and **ministry of Niekerk**. As the ministry year continues, lift up in prayer those who teach and lead in **children's and youth ministries**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today.

Christmas Caroling Tonight! After the evening service with a light supper to follow. Sign up at the Information Center so food for the evening can be prepared.

Christmas Program Practice Reminder: We will have our full Christmas Program practice this Wednesday, December 10, at 6:15pm. We will run through the program a couple of times to prepare for our program performance on Sunday, December 14, during the morning service.

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.

Christmas Cards for the Members at Home. The congregation is encouraged to prepare cards for our members at home: Judy Bosch, Shirley Bosch, Nick Ellerbroek, Nonie Rietman, Jim & Lorraine Snay. The cards may be put in the Christmas card box in the narthex by **Sunday, December 14**, and the cards will be delivered by the Cadets the week of **December 17**. Members who might appreciate a card in their church mailbox are Marge Boeve, Jerry & Elaine Brower, Harvey Helder, Ida Janssen, Jerene Janssen, Judy Lubbers, Gary and Joyce Morren, Linda Prince, Leona Scholten, Sid Staal, Duane and Gay Tucker, Bill Keen and Mark Timmer.

Cookies Needed. Store bought or homemade cookies are needed for after the morning worship service to be served with refreshments. Nine dozen are needed each week. Sign up at the Information Center. New sign-up sheets have been set out.

Niekerk Holiday Choir will continue to rehearse throughout the holiday season. New members are welcome to join for Advent and Christmas in the choir room after worship.

Heights of Hope Christmas Store is getting ready for the season and needs to stock the shelves for the shoppers. This is the last day to bring in your gifts or shop online if the gift will be delivered to HOH before December 10th.

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 worldrenew.net/gifts to learn more.

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.**

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 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. Interested in helping out? Learn more or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/7dyxytju>.



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.*

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.

<u>2025 Thanksgiving Offering</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Niekerk Christian Education Fund	\$23,060
Holland Deacons' Conference	\$8,410
Bravo CRC	\$6,260
World Renew (CRWRC)	\$6,085
Benevolent Fund	\$5,800
General Fund	\$5,000
Gateway Missions	\$4,875
Capital Improvements Fund	\$4,500
Growing Hope Globally	\$4,060
Building Men for Life	\$3,955
Heights of Hope	\$3,785
Positive Options	\$3,665
Hand2Hand Ministries	\$3,445
Holland Christian Schools	\$3,420
Family Mission Trip	\$2,710
Hudsonville Christian Schools	\$2,600
African Inland Missions	\$1,830
The Gideons	\$1,670
Reframe Ministries	\$1,660
Restoring Hope Missions	\$1,565
Resonate Global Missions	\$1,465
Health Pantry	\$1,430
Niekerk GEMS/Cadets	\$1,420
World Home Bible League	\$1,295
Niekerk Missionaries	\$1,100
Zeeland Christian School	\$1,070
Community Impact	\$1,000
Good Samaritan Center	\$800
Lao CRC	\$250
South Olive Christian School	\$250
Salvation Army	\$100
My Brother/Sister's Home	\$50
Hockey Rock	\$50
Christian Reformed Conference Grounds	\$25
ARO	<u>\$25</u>

2025 Total Thanksgiving Offering \$108,685

Date for Your Calendar

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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