

*The greatest
sacrifice...*
the DEEPEST
Love

*Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

JOHN 15:13



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
February 1, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

February 1, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

***Revelation Song**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***The Lord Is My Salvation**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Central American Medical Outreach

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Just As I Am**

Scripture: Mark 14:17-26 – page 1583

Message: **A Life of Anticipation**

Prayer

***Jesus Paid It All**

Holy Communion

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Hymn of Heaven

*Benediction

***By the Sea of Crystal**

Postlude

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Pianist: Jen Leep

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 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

***No Other Name**

***Great Are You, Lord**

Confession of Faith

***I Stand Amazed**

Prayer

Offering: Central American Medical Outreach

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***Be Thou My Vision**

Scripture: Isaiah 53 - page 1147

Message: **Isaiah 53—Our Unbelief**

Prayer

***O Come, All You Unfaithful**

*God's Blessing

***What He's Done**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Jen Leep

Organist: Karen Lucas

*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: The Giant Supper; Leaders: Melinda Kryger & Jessica Schutter

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$16,300. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

February 1	CAMO (Central American Medical Outreach)
February 8	GEMS International
February 15	World Renew
February 22	JCBT (Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation)

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Lindsey Haan & Sue Hoekstra
PM: Lisa Kragt & Trisha Texer

Next Week: AM: Deb Haan & Margaret Timmer
PM: Dawn Folkert & Dana Hondred

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:00 PM	HS Youth Group
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	6:15 PM	Nursery & Crafts
	6:15 PM	Cadets & GEMS
	6:40 PM	Reinier deBlois/JBTC
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
	1:00 PM	Ladies Crafting Weekend
Saturday	9:00 AM	Ladies Crafting Weekend

COUNCIL NOTES

Nominations for Elder and Deacon. The following people have been nominated by the Council for the office of Elder and Deacon for a three-year term beginning April 13, 2026. For Elder: Dean Koopman, Larry Shoemaker, and Wayne Tjarks. For Deacon: Scott Edewaard, Tom Staal and Jerry Zeerip.

The following are those who will be retiring from office: Dan Petroelje, Kurt Rigterink, Steve Slenk, Jon Boeve, John Timmer, and Bryan Van Dyke.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth Group: We will be meeting this Sunday, February 1, after the evening service. We will be continuing our study on Finding Truth. This week's lesson is Finding Identity and Purpose. Can't wait to see you!

Middle School and High School Youth Group: Our next event is Friday, February 20. Stay tuned for details as the date gets closer.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy birthday to **Jan Bosch!** She will be 86 years old on Thursday. Her favorite verse is, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Cal Schierbeek was hospitalized with a UTI and weakness. He was able to return home. Pray that he remains healthy.

Pray for Gary Russcher's brother, **Paul Russcher**. He is in critical condition at Blodgett Hospital and is septic. There has been a slight improvement. Pray for effective medications and healing.

Pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week remember **Marge Boeve, Judy Bosch, Shirley Bosch, Duane & Gay Tucker, and Jim & Lorraine Snay**. And those who the weather has limited their coming and going.

Pray for those who are 90 years old or more in the congregation. Pray for **Stan Brandsen, Nick Ellerbroek, Donna Grotenhuis, Joyce Morren, Ida Janssen, Jerene Janssen, Harv Helder, Sid Staal, and Nonie Rietman**. Pray that they may remain healthy and strong.

Pray for missionaries **Matt, Emily and Juniper Slack** as they celebrate their first-year anniversary in London! Pray that Matt's English class has opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for Emily's weekly Bible Study with Turkish Muslim women. Pray for Juniper as she navigates new places and friendship. Praise God for one year London!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John and Maria are on vacation through February 15. You may call your District Elder with any concerns. Your District Elder and Deacon's phone numbers are listed towards the back of the bulletin.

Laura Helder Update. Next week Sunday, February 8, after the morning service Laura Helder will be giving an update regarding her recent travels and discernment of where God may be calling her to serve. We invite the congregation to stay after the service to hear her update.

It's time to sign up for the **Cornhole Tournament!** on Saturday, February 21. The tournament will begin at 5:00pm with pizza to be served at 6:00pm. Sign up at the Information Center to play or just to come and watch. There will once again be a kid's tournament for ages 14 and under. Sign up is also at the Information Center. Any questions, contact Jan Hop or Jane Steenwyk.

Do You Have a Favorite Song? The Worship Team is seeking people who would be willing to share their favorite song with its special meaning with the congregation during an evening service. If you would like to share, contact Carol Hochhalter or any member of the Worship Team.

Ladies Crafting Weekend this week Friday and Saturday! Join us this Friday from 1pm to 9pm with a potluck at 6pm; and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. Bring your favorite craft or current project and dish to pass, and come and relax and enjoy some wonderful fellowship, great food, and many laughs! Sign up at the Information Center and more details can be found there.

Easter Flower Orders—In Memory of Loved Ones. If you wish to order flowers in memory of a loved one and to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out a form and place it and the money in an envelope and place it in the designated box at the Information Center. This year pansies and tulips will be available to order; each plant will cost \$10 each. The deadline is Sunday, March 8. Blank forms can be found at the Information Center. If you ordered flowers previously, you will find a form in your church mailbox already filled out. Email Julie Mulder at secretary@niekerkcrc.org with any questions.

Valet Parking. The Deacons would like to offer 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.

Hand2Hand is collecting individual packages of microwave popcorn packs (UNPOPPED popcorn) and individual Rice Krispie bars for February and March. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Save the Date: The 2026 mission trip will be on July 25-31. Please save the date and consider joining us in serving the community around ARO this summer. More details to come!

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Reducing the Risk of Depression. Do you sleep well, eat nutrient-rich food, make time for regular physical activity and self-care? Healthy habits like these can reduce your risk of depression, but symptoms can still creep in. If you have symptoms of depression that last more than two weeks, seek treatment with a professional. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press #1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk to access free and confidential support.

Date for Your Calendar

February 8	GEMS Sunday
February 13	Hand2Hand Packing
February 15	HS Youth Group
February 18	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
February 21	Cornhole Tournament
February 25	Cadets & GEMS Pinewood Derby
February 26	Hand2Hand Packing
February 27	Monthly Prayer Gathering
February 28	Youth Group Event

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