



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
February 22, 2026

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Waymaker**

Lenten Reading

**\*Lord, I Need You**

Lenten Reading

**\*Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Holy Spirit, Mighty God**

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50 – page 1604

Message: **Forgiveness at the Feet of Jesus**

Prayer

**\*We Fall Down**

\*Benediction

**\*It's Yours (Lord's Prayer)**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Jen Leep

Keyboard: Melinda Kryger

\*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

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah**

**\*Behold Our God**

Confession of Faith

**\*Blessed Assurance**

Prayer

Offering: Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation

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**\*Good Soil**

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-2 - page 1147

Message: **Why Do We Not Believe?**

Prayer

**\*How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

\*God's Blessing

**\*When I Survey**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Jen Leep

Keyboard: Melinda Kryger

\*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 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the youth building.

**Sunday School classes** for Preschool to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Only One Says Thank You; Leaders: Lori & Reagan Boeve & Emma Texer

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$8,170.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

- February 22 JCBT (Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation)
- March 1 Matt & Emily Slack (Resonate)
- March 8 Heights of Hope
- March 15 Building Men for Life
- March 22 Niekerk Christian Education Fund
- March 29 Resonate

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week: AM: Carol Venema & Linda Timmer  
PM: Kaylin Van Dyke & Kim Walters

Next Week: AM: Sara Heeres & Kathi Petroelje  
PM: Laura VanderZwaag & Sandy Van Dyke

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

- Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 AM At the Gate
- 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Wednesday 6:00 PM Cadets & GEMS Pinewood Derby
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:00 AM Hand2Hand Packing
- 9:30 PM Men's Bible Study (Luke 4:1-13)
- Friday 7:00 AM Monthly Prayer Gathering

**COUNCIL NOTES**

**Nominations for Elder and Deacon.** *It's the last day to submit your ballots!* 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. One Elder and two Deacons will be selected. For Elder: Dean Koopman 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. Thank you for all you do for Niekerk.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Jim Snay**! He will be 81 years old on Friday! His favorite verse is “Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” James 4:8. His address is Riley’s Grove at 9481 Pentatech Dr in Zeeland 49464

Our sympathies go out to **Mark and Jan Hop** and **Jamie Hop** in sudden death of their sister-in-law and aunt Renee Hop. Pray for her husband, Daryl, and their family in this difficult time. The funeral was Thursday at Overisel Reformed Church.

Keep in your prayers **Cheryl Bosch** and the team of doctors as they travel to Honduras for ten days to perform cataract surgeries. Thank you for your support and prayers for this mission.

Pray for **Char Janssen, Carolyn Jacobsen** and **Jack Bosch** who are recovering from surgery.

Pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen,** and **Jerry Brower**. Pray for **those you know** who are awaiting doctor’s appointments and possible procedures.

Pray for **Shane Plaggemars’** healing and renewed strength. Shane has been transferred to Mary Free Bed for therapy.

Pray for **Pastor Tim & Mary Nelson** as they seek to discern where God may be calling them next. Ask the Lord to bless them with wisdom and guidance in this season. (*Check your mailbox for an update from the Council.*)

Pray for **the missionaries** we help to support. This week remember **Mohan and Judy Chacko**, who traveled safely to India. Ask the Lord to bless their time there. Continue to pray for **Laura Helder, Matt & Emily Slack** and **Aaron & Laurel Green**. Pray as well for the ministry of **The Jerusalem Center for Bible Translators** which seeks to train mother-tongue Bible translators. **Reinier DeBlois** serves with this ministry.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cadets and GEMS Pinewood Derby this Wednesday!** from 6:15pm until 8:15pm join us for the Niekerk Pinewood Derby Run-off night in the Fellowship Center. Weigh-in will start at 6:00pm. All are invited to come watch and cheer on your favorite cars.

**Valet Parking.** The Deacons would like to offer valet parking for anyone interested during the winter months. This will be at the east side entrance of the building "Door B" only.

**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 put 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](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org) with any questions.

**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.

**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.** Prioritizing sleep, nutrition, exercise, and self-care can strengthen your mental well-being and lower your risk of depression. While these healthy habits can lower your risk, symptoms may still arise. If you experience signs of depression lasting longer than two weeks, it's important to seek help from a professional. Visit [pinrest.org/scheduling](http://pinrest.org/scheduling) or call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

### **Date for Your Calendar**

February 25 Cadets & GEMS Pinewood Derby  
February 26 Hand2Hand Packing  
February 27 Monthly Prayer Gathering  
February 28 Youth Group Event

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

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