

# WALK ON WATER

STEPPING OUT TO TRUST  
OUR FAITHFUL GOD



# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

February 8, 2026  
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

## **GEMS Sunday**

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship

**\*We Will Extol You, God and King**

GEMS Litany

**\*My Lighthouse** (remain seated, but sign along)

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: GEMS International

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Psalm 27**

Confession of Faith

Scripture: John 17:20-26 – page 1680

Message: **That the World May Know**

Prayer

**\*Jesus Shall Reign**

\*Benediction

**\*In Christ Alone**

Postlude

Pastor Joel Vande Weerken

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

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Ancient of Days**

**\*He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)**

Confession of Faith

**\*Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Prayer

Offering: GEMS International

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**\*O for a Closer Walk with God**

Scripture: **Psalm 127** - page 968

Message: **How Are You Sleeping?**

Prayer

**\*Trust and Obey**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

\*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: The Good Samaritan; Leaders: Kim Walters & Kayla Texer

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$16,774.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

February 8 GEMS International  
February 15 World Renew  
February 22 JCBT (Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation)

**Nursery Attendants:**

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

Next Week: AM: Emma Texer & Melinda Kryger  
PM: Deb Slenk & Kathie Helder

**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
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

**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. 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.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Our next event is Friday, February 20, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fellowship Center. Please eat before you come. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Sign-up is at the Information Center. We can't wait to see you!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Laura Helder Update Today.** 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.

**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.

**Pulpit Supply** for Sunday, February 15, has been changed to Pastor Tim Nelson.

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.

**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.

**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](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!

### **Date for Your Calendar**

- 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

# WALK ON WATER

## Step Out

Who's this who has the power, to still the storms and waves?  
Who's this who calls us to Him, to step out on the seas?  
Who's this who has the power to part the seas for us?  
Who's this who calls us children when we were far from Him?

*Pre-Chorus:*

Though the waters rage, but my heart is still.  
And the walls seem tall, but my soul's at peace.

*Chorus:*

Take heart, step out! Embrace the King of Glory!  
Have faith! Trust Him! and He will give you courage!  
For when the rains come, and when the winds blow,  
He will anchor us.

Who's this who speaks through fire, and calls us to Himself?  
Who's this who stills the lions, and gives us hope in trail?  
Who's this who gives us strength, to stand up to our fears?  
Who's this who shaped the world, and knows us as His own?

*Pre-chorus & Chorus*

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart and soul,  
and all your strength and might, trust the Lord your God. (2x)

*Chorus, Chorus*

For when the rains come, and when the winds blow,  
He will anchor us.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.*

**Deuteronomy 7:9**

**GEMS** Gifts  
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