



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

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship

**\*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Lenten Reading

**\*By Faith**

Lenten Readings

**\*Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Matt & Emily Slack (Resonate)

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Speak, O Lord**

Scripture: Luke 8:40-56 – page 1609

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

Prayer

**\*Sovereign**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Build My Life**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Keyboard: 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

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

**\*Holy Ground**

Confession of Faith

**\*Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

Prayer

Offering: Matt & Emily Slack (Resonate)

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Spirit of the Living God**

Scripture: John 8:1-11 - page 1662

Message: **Go and Sin No More**

Prayer

**\*Amazing Grace**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

Postlude

Pastor Jim Dykstra

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

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 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: Jesus Loves the Children; Leaders: Jana & Cora Rigtterink

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$20,330.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

- 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: Sara Heeres & Kathi Petroelje  
PM: Laura VanderZwaag & Sandy Van Dyke
- Next Week: AM: Lisa Kragt & Trisha Texer  
PM: Jenn Schierbeek & Sue Hoekstra

**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
- 6:10 PM HS Youth Group
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 6:30 PM Elder & Deacon Meetings
- 7:30 PM Council Meeting
- Wednesday 5:20 PM Wednesday Night at Niekerk
- 6:15 PM Nursery & Crafts
- 6:15 PM Cadets & GEMS
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:30 PM Men's Bible Study (Luke 4:14-30)
- 9:00 AM Hand2Hand Ministries

**COUNCIL NOTES**

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. **Casting of Lots will be next Sunday** after the morning service.

The following are those who will be retiring from office: Dan Petroelje, Kurt Riggerink, Steve Slenk, Jon Boeve, John Timmer, and Bryan Van Dyke. **Thank you** for all you do for Niekerk.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Middle School and High School Youth group:** Our next event will be Saturday, March 21. Stay tuned for details as the date approaches.

**High School Youth Group:** We will be meeting this Sunday night, March 1, after the evening service to continue our study on Finding Truth. Can't wait to see you there!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathies are extended to **Bob & Linda and Elmer & Leona Nyhof** in the passing of their brother Ray Nyhof. Pray for them in this time of sorrow and loss. The funeral was on Friday.

Happy Birthday to **Rog Sneller!** He will be 80 years old on Saturday. His favorite verse is, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:4-6

**Pray for the Council** as they meet on Monday. Pray that each one will be prepared to serve, listening for and following the Lord's leading. At the meeting, Pastor Keith Doornbos with Classis Holland, will provide counsel and share a process that Classis Holland, Niekerk, and Pastor Tim would need to agree to before approving him to serve as pastor of Niekerk. Ask for the Holy Spirit's clear guidance for Tim and Mary, the Council, and our congregation in this time.

**Pray for those who need God's healing & sustaining strength** Remember, **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen, and Jerry Brower.** Pray for **Jack Koeman** as he adjusts to needing supplemental oxygen. Pray for **Char Janssen, Carolyn Jacobsen and Jack Bosch** as they continue to recover from surgery.

Pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week remember **Duane & Gay Tucker, Jim & Lorraine Snay, Ida Janssen, Jerene Janssen and Donna Grotenhuis.**

Pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Pray for **Steve Lanser** in the passing of his mother, Ruth; Continue to pray for the **Hop family** in the loss of Renee.

Pray with gratitude for those who are serving the worldwide mission of the Church: **Mohan & Judy Chacko in India, Cheryl Bosch in Honduras, Laura Helder, Josh & Virginia Ham, Josh & Anna and Matt & Emily Slack.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Service of Prayer for Crops and Industry.** Wednesday, March 11, let us gather to pray. The service starts at 6:30pm.

**Sunrise Service.** Join us Easter Sunday at 7:00am for a sunrise service followed by breakfast from 7:30am -9:00am or come early for breakfast and stay for the Easter service.

**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.

**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.

**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 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**

- March 8 Casting of Lots
- March 12 Men's Bible Study
- March 13 Hand2Hand Ministries
- March 15 HS Youth Group
- March 16 Red Cross Blood Drive
- March 18 Wednesday Night at Niekerk
- March 19 Men's Bible Study
- March 21 MS Youth Group
- March 25 Cadets & GEMS
- March 26 Men's Bible Study
- March 27 Monthly Prayer Gathering  
Hand2Hand Ministries
- March 28 Men's Lenten Breakfast
- March 29 Palm Sunday  
HS Youth Group
- April 2 Maundy Thursday/communion
- April 5 Sunrise Service  
Community Breakfast  
Easter Service  
No Evening Service

## **EASTER SCHEDULE**

### **Men's Lenten Breakfast**

Saturday, March 28, at 7:30am. *Pastor Dan Walcott*

### **Palm Sunday**

March 29, at 9:30am & 5pm

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 2, at 6:30pm. *No meal.*

### **Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 5, at 7:00am. *An outdoor informal service very early, on the first day of the week, while it's still dark. Bring lawn chairs and a blanket.*

### **Family Resurrection Breakfast**

Sunday, April 5, at 7:30-9:00am. *This is meant to be a community outreach event*

### **Easter Morning Service**

Sunday, April 5, at 9:30am. *There will be no evening Service*

\*More information will be in the bulletin as these dates become closer.

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