



THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU,
THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES.
HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN
YOU; IN HIS LOVE HE WILL NO
LONGER REBUKE YOU, BUT WILL
REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING.



Zephaniah 3:17

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
March 15, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 15, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

***Goodness of God**

Prayer of Confession

Lenten Reading

***Father, Spirit, Jesus**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Building Men for Life

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Our God**

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-17 – page 1471

Message: **Rejoice! He Is With You**

Prayer

***Living Hope**

*God's Blessing

***How Great Is Our God**

Postlude

Pastor Bill Van Der Heide

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Shine, Jesus, Shine**

***Forever Reign**

Confession of Faith

***O God, Would You Move**

Prayer

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***Word of God, Speak**

Scripture: John 5:31-47 - page 1655

Message: **My Testimony**

Prayer

***I Love to Tell the Story**

*God's Blessing

***Send Us Out**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

*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: Loving Jesus with All our Hearts; Leaders: Kim Walters and Kayla Texer

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$5,575. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- March 15 Building Men for Life
- March 22 Niekerk Christian Education Fund
- March 29 Resonate Global Missions

Nursery Attendants:

- This Week: AM: Pat Texer & Abby Helder
PM: Jessica Schutter & Lindsey Haan
- Next Week: AM: Margaret Timmer & Dana Hondred
PM: Kris Roelofs & Deb Haan

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

- Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- 6:15 PM HS Youth Group
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive
- Wednesday 5:20 PM Wednesday Night at Niekerk
- 5:45 PM Nursery & Crafts
- 6:15 PM Cadets & GEMS
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:30 PM Men's Bible Study (Luke 5:1-11)
- Saturday 5:30 PM MS & HS Youth Group

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.*

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.*

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth Group: We will be meeting this Sunday, March 15, from 6:15pm to 8pm in the youth building to continue our Study on Finding Truth. Can't wait to see you there!

MS and HS Youth Group: Our next event is this Saturday, March 21, from 5:30pm to 8pm in the youth building. Dinner will be provided. Come for a night of food, fun and games. Feel free to take your friends. Sign up at the Information Center. See you there!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Vern Klingenberg!** He will be 86 years old on Tuesday. His favorite verse is, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Pray for **Bill & Carol Keen** as Bill continues to struggle with getting around. Pray as well for **Cal Schierbeek** and **Jerry Brower** who stand in need of God's sustaining strength.

Pray for the missionaries we help to support. Remember, **Laura Helder** who has arrived safely in Guatemala where she will serve at an orphanage. Pray for **Mohan & Judy Chacko** in India, **Josh & Virginia Ham**, **Josh & Anna** and **Matt & Emily Slack**.

Continue to ask for the Holy Spirit's clear guidance for **Pastor Tim & Mary Nelson**, the **Council**, and our **Congregation** in this time of seeking to discern God's will concerning the next pastor at Niekerk. Pray for Pastor Tim as he prepares to lead us in worship next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Helder Update Today. Earlier in February Laura Helder was planning to give an update for the Congregation. While Laura is presently out of the country, she was able to produce a video update which we will be playing after the morning service and encourage the congregation to come back to the sanctuary to hear this update.

Next Sunday morning, March 22, Pastor Tim Nelson will be with us to lead us in worship. Following worship there will be a question-and-answer time at 11:00am.

Niekerk News Reminder. It's time again to gather information for the April newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, March 22**. Notes can be placed in the kitchen service door mail slot, the newsletter mailboxes located in the bottom right-hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

Men's Lenten Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 28, at 7:30am. Pastor Dan Walcott will be speaking. The signup sheet is at the Information Center. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, March 26.

Profession of Faith Class. If you sense the Lord has been working in your heart and you've come to a point that you want to let others know of your faith in Jesus, Profession of Faith classes are being planned. A three-session class will be held on Sundays after the morning service on April 19, 26 and May 3. (Dates are flexible for those who may have to miss a week.) Together, we will share what it means to know something of God's amazing grace and seek to become a faithful follower of Jesus. Speak with Pastor John, Trisha Texer or sign up at the Information Center if you are interested.

Sunrise Service & Breakfast. Join us on Easter Sunday, April 5, 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.

The Library Committee would like to refresh our puzzle supply. We have made room, so, if you have puzzles you would like to donate to the Niekerk Library, we would love to put them on our shelves for all to enjoy. Thank you!

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!

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Men and Mental Health.

Recent studies show that 40% of men will not see a doctor until severe symptoms occur. This percentage is even lower with mental health symptoms. Encourage men in your life to display their strength by asking for help. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk CRC for free, confidential mental health support.

Dates for Your Calendar

- 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

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