



In nothing be anxious, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.

And **PEACE**  
the **OF GOD**

which surpasses all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and your thoughts in

*Christ Jesus*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
March 22, 2020

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 22, 2020  
Worship Service

Call to Worship  
Prayer  
Offering  
Children's Message  
Scripture: 1 John 5:5-12  
Sermon: Water and Blood  
Prayer  
Benediction

Pastor Darren Kornelis

## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

**Live Stream Issues.** Our apologies that the live stream reached a limit of approximately 60 viewers Sunday morning and did not allow anyone else to connect. Our live stream provider did not post this limit and we never reached it before. Thanks to the efforts of Daryl Van Dyke, we have worked with our provider this week and should be able to host up to 200 viewers this coming Sunday. The services will also be uploaded immediately following the live stream so you can watch them later in the day.

**Offering.** Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Deacons have four different options to receive your offerings:

- Members can mail their offerings to church. Please put "Attention Deacons" on the envelope. Please do not send cash through US Mail.
- Members can use the bill pay feature available from most checking accounts without postage or fees.
- Members can sign up for the Realm online giving. There is a link to Realm's website on the Niekerk website. Under the "Resources" tab, click on "Give", and that will connect you to the Realm site.
- We also hope to install a mail slot next week in the steel outside kitchen access door by the east entrance. Members can drop their envelopes through the slot. For security reasons the box under the slot will be emptied frequently.

**Sunday Evenings.** Our usual Sunday evening service will be resumed as soon as we can return to worship in the sanctuary together. Pastor Darren and Pastor Jason are looking at providing devotional material that you can review with your family on Sunday evenings or another time during the week.

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Bob Eisen** is doing well. He was transferred to Blodgett Hospital Thursday, March 12. The following Monday the hospital was closed to visitors. Pray for Bob and Deb during this time of separation.

**Keep in prayer all those who are unable to visit their loved ones in nursing homes and hospitals at this time.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Niekerk News Deadline.** Please email or call Julie Mulder with any reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news **by 2:00pm Monday**. If anyone would like to receive the newsletter by mail, call the office at 396-4388. At this time, we do not plan to make copies to set out at church.

**Bulletins.** We will continue to publish a bulletin containing information and announcements. It will be on the website and it will be sent out electronically. If you would like to receive it by mail, contact Julie Mulder at 616-396-4388. If you would like to receive the bulletin electronically and have an email address, please contact Julie Mulder to add it to the list (temporarily if you prefer).

**Students, Families and People of all ages:** Are you looking for some ideas for activities or challenges to participate in during COVID-19? Check out this list of fun activities and email or text Caleb when you complete one, or post on Instagram and tag: "@niekerkyg". See how many you can do by yourself, with siblings, a friend, or your family members!! Link here: <http://bit.ly/niekerkyg>.

**Easter Flowers.** Due to the current situation and the possibility of change, the Decorating Committee will be canceling the flower order for Easter, however, the committee will be purchasing a few lilies to go behind the pulpit. If you would like donate money towards the purchase of these lilies, contact Julie Mulder. For those who have paid for flowers, your money will be refunded to your church mailbox when church services resume.

**In Memory of/Given By Easter List of Names.** The list of names in the Easter bulletin will still be printed. If you have not been able to sign up, contact Julie Mulder by phone 396-4388 or by email [secretary@niekerkrcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkrcrc.org). Deadline April 6.

**Church Cancellation Information.** This is currently being posted on Channel 8 and Channel 3. Notice is also added to the prayer email and is recorded on the prayer phone line. We intend to post the cancellation each week as needed.

**Weekly Activities.** All weekly activities at Niekerk facilities are cancelled through April 5 until further notice.

**Church Staffing.** Our Pastors, Darren and Jason, Administrative Assistant Julie, Worship Coordinator Kristi, Youth Director Caleb, Custodian Karen, and Building Supervisors Ric and Karen will continue to work on site when necessary but plan to work from home as well, so they will not have regular hours at church. If you need to enter the church buildings, please call Julie to arrange your visit and any assistance that may be necessary.

**Visiting.** As you would expect, direct visits for the next few weeks will not be done as normal. Pastors Darren and Jason as well as the Elders and Deacons will be reaching out by phone to the Niekerk family to address any spiritual or physical needs. If you see a 559 California area code, it will be Pastor Darren calling.

**Elder/Deacon Selection.** The Executive Committee is considering options. At this time, we still believe it is best that installation of the new Council members take place at a worship service attended by the congregation. So, one option is to simply postpone the process until we return to normal church services and continue with the current Council in place until then. A second option is to hold the selection with the Executive Committee and report the results to the congregation. Third is to video the second option and email the video file to all church email addresses. Option two or three could be scheduled for March 29. Options two and three would identify the new Council members but they would not serve officially until installation.

**Prayer Requests and Health Concerns and Updates.** Contact your District Elder or Pastor Darren (559-909-2939) with any requests or updates.

### **Elder and Deacon Districts:**

A-Bowman	Doug Wedeven	Scott Sybesma
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk	John Timmer
Haan-Janssen	Paul Bulthuis	Joel Kryger
Jones-Leep	John Janssen	Mike Schierbeek
Louwerse-Plaggemars	Rog Sneller	Dean Koopman
Prince - Shoemaker	Steve Slenk	Scott Van Dyke
Slenk-Tjarks	Mark Hop	Shane Plaggemars
Tucker-Zeerip	Carl Helder	Joe Texer

**Holland Rescue Mission Spring Garden Luncheon/Auction** will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at the Baker Lofts from 11am to 1pm. The cost is \$35. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year and Marcy Brower will be hosting a table (or two). If you are interested in attending, contact Marcy at [marcybrower@gmail.com](mailto:marcybrower@gmail.com) before April 12 in order to register. It would be so nice to see a big turnout from Niekerk!

### **Dates for Your Calendar: \*\*All dates subject to change\*\***

April 5	Palm Sunday Sunday Evening Bible Study
April 8	Senior (65+) Singles
April 10	Good Friday Service
April 11	Men's Lenten Breakfast
April 12	Easter
April 13	Council Meeting
May 3	GEMS Sunday

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**\*\*All services are streamed live\*\***

**\*\*Go to [www.niekerkcrc.org](http://www.niekerkcrc.org) under “sermons” menu\*\***