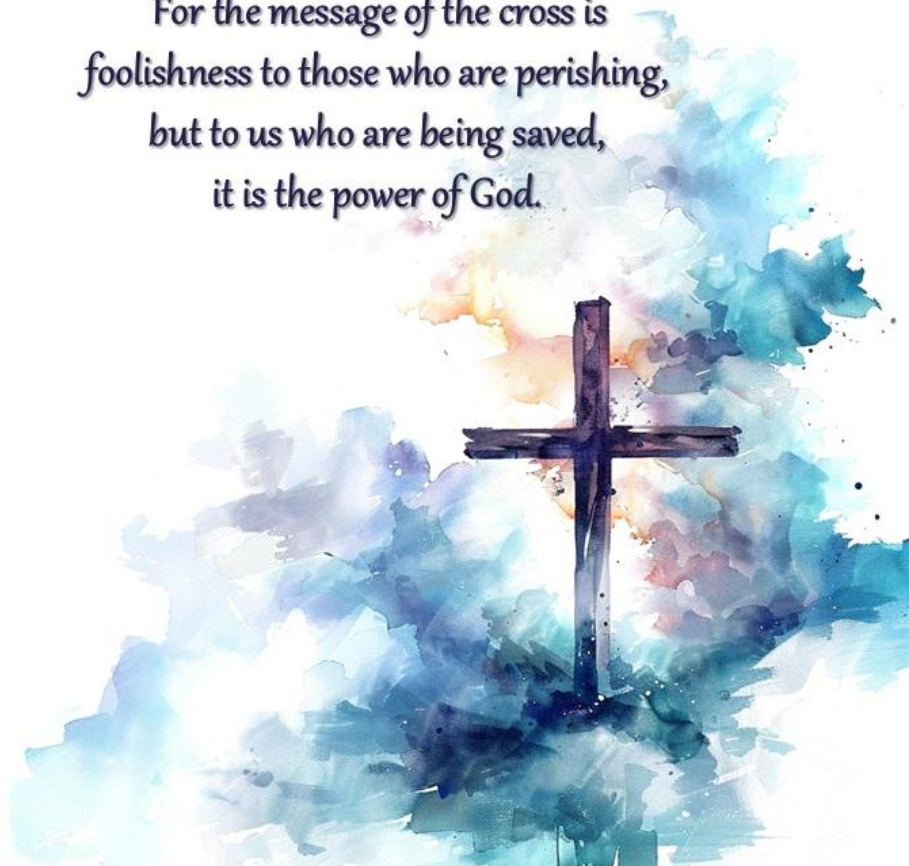


For the message of the cross is
foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved,
it is the power of God.



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

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 22, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Holy Forever**

***Holy, Holy Holy**

Lenten Reading

***Graves Into Gardens**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

My Life Is in You, Lord

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Lenten Prayer Reading

Prayer

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***Psalm 27**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – page 1770

Message: **The Power of the Cross**

Prayer

***The Power of the Cross**

*God's Blessing

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

Pastor Tim Nelson

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

*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

***God of Grace and God of Glory**

***Build Your Kingdom Here**

Confession of Faith

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

Prayer

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***Shine On Us**

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-4 - page 1147

Message: **Carried Our Suffering**

Prayer

***Who Is Like the Lord Our God**

*God's Blessing

***Abide With Me**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

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 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: Jesus is King/Palm Sunday; Leaders: Lisa Kragt & Abby Helder

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$7,377. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

March 22 Niekerk Christian Education Fund
March 29 Resonate Global Missions

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Margaret Timmer & Dana Hondred
PM: Kris Roelofs & Deb Haan
Next Week: AM: Dawn Folkert & Kathie Helder
PM: Melinda Kryger & Deb Slenk

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Q&A with Pastor Tim
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Wednesday	6:15 PM	Cadets & GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Luke 4:12-16)
Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Prayer Gathering
	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Saturday	7:30 AM	Men's Lenten Breakfast

EASTER SCHEDULE

Men's Lenten Breakfast

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

Palm Sunday

March 29, at 9:30am & 5pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

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.*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Donna Grotenhuis!** She will be 93 years old on Tuesday. Her favorite verse is, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:1-3

Happy Birthday to **Erv Nagelkirk!** He will be 85 years old on Friday. His favorite verse is, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Happy Birthday to **Judy Stoel!** She will be 84 years old on Wednesday. Her favorite verse is, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Our sympathies are extended to **Pete & Carolyn Jacobsen, Jill & Eric Louwerse, and Deb & Mike Venema and their extended families** as they mourn the loss of their sister and aunt, Lois Boerigter, who passed away Monday. Visitation will be Monday, March 23, at 10:00am to 11:00am at Noordeloos CRC at 4055 112th Avenue in Holland 49424. The funeral will follow at 11:00am.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing and sustaining strength. Give thanks that **Ron Dalman** was able to return home from the hospital. Pray for his continued healing. Pray as well for **Bill Keen, Cal Schierbeek, and Jerry Brower.**

Pray for **Pastor Tim & Mary Nelson** as they share with us in worship this morning. Give thanks for the ways God has been at work in their lives and our congregation. Pray that we together with them will discern clearly the Lord's will for us.

Pray for **the missionaries** we help to support. Remember, **Mohan & Judy Chacko** in India, **Laura Helder** in Guatemala, **Aaron & Laurel Green** serving with InterVarsity, and **James Langteau.**

Pray for **peace in our world.** Ask the Lord to give wisdom and strength to governing officials to be united in purpose and work toward that which would lead to peace and the protection of life and liberty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline Today. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news today. 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 this Saturday, March 28, at 7:30am. Pastor Dan Walcott will be speaking. The sign-up sheet is at the Information Center. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, March 26.

Resonate Global Mission's offering next week has a great opportunity for your giving to go twice as far! Any amount you give will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a group of generous donors! Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double.

Absentee Ballots. If you are unable to attend the congregational meeting next Sunday, absentee ballots will be available following the evening worship service. Absentee votes can be handed in at the Information Center in the designated box during this coming week or be sent by email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org or handed in before the meeting. Absentee votes must be submitted with the voter's name by the time of the meeting on the 29th.

Invite Someone! Today in your mailbox you will find an Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast invitation that you may use to invite friends and family.

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.

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.

Help Provide a Meal for Circles! Each Tuesday night, Heights of Hope's Circles program gathers around a shared meal before diving into an evening of connection, support, and transformation. Interested in helping out? Learn more or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/7dyxyju>.



Appalachian Reach Out Family Mission Trip. Sign up today at the Information Center for the family mission trip to ARO in Kentucky. The dates are July 25-31. Any questions? contact Joe Texer.

Laura Helder's Video Update. For those who may not have been at church or who were unable to stay on Sunday, here is the link to Laura's video update. Please continue to lift Laura up in prayer as she is out of the country, and that God may continue to make it clear where he is calling her to serve.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qvIN5huFJrH2UwKHNZ0TVY9h0WKhysQm/view>

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.*

Dates for Your Calendar

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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