



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
March 29, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hosanna

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***All Glory, Laud and Honor**

***Hosanna**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***O Praise the Name**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Resonate Global Missions

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Open the Eye of My Heart, Lord**

Scripture: Luke 19:28-48 – page 1633

Message: **Timing Is Everything**

Prayer

***Turn Your Eyes**

*God's Blessing

***All Hail, King Jesus**

Postlude

Pastor Eric Lynch

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*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

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***10,000 Reasons**

***At the Name of Jesus**

Ancient Hymn of Faith (Philippians 2:5-11)

***Be Unto Your Name**

Prayer

Offering: Resonate Global Missions

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***Show Us Christ**

Scripture: John 6 - page 1656

Message: **Five Loaves of Bread & Two Fishes**

Prayer

Five Loaves of Bread and Two Fishes

*God's Blessing

***We Are an Offering**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*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.

No Catechism today.

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 Dies on the Cross; Leaders: Lori & Reagan Boeve & Emma Texer

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$8,330. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- March 29 Resonate Global Missions
- April 2 Benevolent Fund
- April 5 Empower International (Pakistan School Supplies)
- April 12 Community Impact
- April 19 Gideons
- April 26 Growing Hope Globally

Nursery Attendants:

- This Week: AM: Dawn Folkert & Kathie Helder
PM: Melinda Kryger & Deb Slenk
- Next Week: AM: Carol Venema & Kim Walters
PM: Linda Timmer & Lisa Kragt

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

- Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- 6:10 PM HS Youth Group
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:00 AM Hand2Hand Packing
- 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study (Luke 5:17-26)
- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

EASTER SCHEDULE

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 **Joyce Koeman**! She is 84 years old today! Her favorite verse is, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:8

Continue to pray for God's healing and sustaining strength for **Ron Dalman, Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen and Jerry Brower.**

Pray for the missionaries we help to support. Remember **Laura Helder** in Guatemala, **Mohan & Judy Chacko** in India, **Josh & Virginia Ham, Josh & Anna** and **Matt & Emily Slack.**

Continue to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance for **Pastor Tim & Mary Nelson, the Council,** and our **Congregation.** Pray for the congregational meeting following the morning worship today—praying that we will be able to discern the Lord's will together.

Pray for those who are traveling this week because of spring break. Ask for safety on the roads and great family time experiences.

Pray for the ministry opportunities in the week ahead: for **Maundy Thursday, the Easter Sunrise Service,** the community outreach **Easter Breakfast** and **the morning worship.** Pray for God's continued encouragement and blessing in the ministry of Niekerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resonate Global Mission's offering today 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 today, a signed absentee vote can be handed in at the Information Center in the designated box or handed in by the time of the meeting.

Invite Someone! In your mailbox you will find an Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast invitation that you may use to invite friends and family. More can be found at Information Center.

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.

You Are Invited to a Summer of Swimming in the Psalms. We will gather once a week to learn scripture together, filling our minds with the songs and prayers of Jesus. We'll use music and rhythm to help us memorize, so that we can fill our thoughts with good things, rather than things that worry us or stress us. This will help us to meditate on God's Word, day and night, like Psalm 1 says! If you are interested, you may sign up at the Information Center. We will start mid-April. Led by Carol Hochhalter and Trisha Texer.

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.

Three Walks! The Positive Options Tulip Time Run/Walk, CROP Walk and the Right to Life Walkathon. Sign up on April 5, 12, or 19 at the display table in the hallway to pledge and/or walk. Your gift to these three walks is appreciated.

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.

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>.



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.



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.*

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 an CAP member with Niekerk CRC for free, confidential mental health support.

Dates for Your Calendar

- April 5 Sunrise Service
Community Breakfast
Easter Service
No Evening Service
- April 6 Council Meeting
- April 12 Elder & Deacon Instillation
- April 13 Council Meeting
- April 16 Shepherding Team Meeting
- April 17 Hand2Hand Ministries
- April 18 MS Youth Group
- April 23 Worship Team Meeting
- April 24 Monthly Prayer Gathering
Heights of Hope Fest

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