


Abide
At the
feet
of
Jesus



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
March 8, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 8, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Come, Let Us Praise the Lord**

Lenten Reading

Prayer

***The Goodness of Jesus**

Lenten Readings

***The Lord Is My Salvation**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Casting of Lots

Prayer

Offering: Heights of Hope

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Gracious Spirit**

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42 – page 1615

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

Prayer

***To Know You More**

*God's Blessing

***Lead On, O King Eternal**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

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

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***We Come, O Christ, to You**

***Man of Sorrows**

Confession of Faith

***All I Have Is Christ**

Prayer

Offering: Heights of Hope

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***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-3 - page 1147

Message: **Man of Sorrows**

Prayer

***Man of Sorrows—What a Name**

*God's Blessing

***The Benediction Song**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

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.

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: Zaccheus; Leaders: Melinda Kryger & Jessica Schutter

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,950. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- 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: Lisa Kragt & Trisha Texer
PM: Jenn Schierbeek & Sue Hoekstra
- Next Week: AM: Pat Texer & Abby Helder
PM: Jessica Schutter & Lindsey Haan

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
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Wednesday 6:30 PM Prayer Service
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:30 PM Men's Bible Study (Luke 4:31-44)
- Friday 9:00 AM Hand2Hand Ministries

COUNCIL NOTES

Casting of Lots Today. 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.

The following are those who will be retiring from office: Dan Petroelje, Kurt Rigterink, 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Nick Ellerbroek**! He is 96 years old today! His favorite verse is, "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." Psalm 23:1 His address is 400 Parkside Drive #136 in Zeeland 49464.

Pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen, and Jerry Brower** who stand in need of God's sustaining strength. Give thanks for the healing strength given to **Char Janssen, Carolyn Jacobsen and Jack Bosch** following surgery.

Pray for the missionaries we help to support. Remember, **Mohan & Judy Chacko** as they serve in India. Give thanks for **Cheryl Bosch's** service with a medical team in Honduras. Pray for **Laura Helder** who will begin serving at an orphanage in Guatemala. Pray for the staff and ministry of **Heights of Hope**. Give thanks for every opportunity for encouragement and training.

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. Pastor Tim will be leading us in worship on March 22. Be sure to pick up the latest Council announcement in your mailbox today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, 6:30pm—It's time to pray. We will gather for a prayer service for crops and industry in the sanctuary. In this prayer gathering we will also pray for our nation and the world. Come as we sing together and pour out our hearts before the Lord in prayer.

Easter Flower Orders—In Memory of Loved Ones. *It's the last day to order!* 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. Blank forms can be found at the Information Center. Email Julie Mulder at secretary@niekerkrc.org with any questions.

Advance Notice: Pastor Tim Nelson will be preaching on Sunday, March 22, in the morning. There will be a question-and-answer time following the service at 11am.

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. Prioritizing sleep, nutrition, exercise, and self-care can strengthen your mental well-being and lower your risk of depression. While these healthy habits can lower your risk, symptoms may still arise. If you experience signs of depression lasting longer than two weeks, it's important to seek help from a professional. Visit [pinrest.org/scheduling](https://www.pinterest.org/scheduling) or call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

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*

Dates for Your Calendar

- 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

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