

God is our
REFUGE
and
STRENGTH,
a very present
HELP
in trouble.
PSALM 46:1

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
April 12, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 12, 2026
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

***The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons

Prayer

Offering: Community Impact

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***We Long to See You**

Scripture: Psalm 46 – page 883

Message: **Our Refuge and Strength**

Prayer

***Be Still**

*God's Blessing

***Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Organist: Karen Lucas

*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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***I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

***You Are My King**

Confession of Faith

***It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

Prayer

Offering: Community Impact

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***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts**

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-5 - page 1147

Message: **The Purpose of the Cross**

Prayer

***Lamb of God**

*God's Blessing

***Man of Sorrows**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

*Stand as you are able

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 Talks to Mary; Leaders: Melinda Kryger & Jessica Schutter

Coffee, juice and cookies are served after the morning service in the Fellowship Center.

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$4,930. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- April 12 Community Impact
- April 19 Gideons
- April 26 Growing Hope Globally

Next Sunday, Frank Dekker with the Gideons will be with us during morning worship to give an update on the ministry. The loose offering for next Sunday is for the work of the Gideons.

Nursery Attendants:

- This Week: AM: Kathi Petroelje & Laura VanderZwaag
PM: Char Janssen & Sandy Van Dyke
- Next Week: AM: Emma Texer & Sara Heeres
PM: Kaylin Van Dyke & Abby Helder

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

- Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 6:30 PM Elder & Deacon Meetings
- 7:30 PM Council Meeting
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study (Luke 6:1-11)
- Friday 9:00 AM Hand2Hand Packing
- Saturday 5:30 PM Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's time again to gather information for the May newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, April 19**. 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.

Three Walks! The Positive Options Tulip Time Run/Walk, CROP Walk and the Right to Life Walkathon. Sign up today at the display table in the hallway to pledge and/or walk. You can help change someone's life!! Thank you!

Hand2Hand is collecting cans of spaghetti and meatballs (NO larger than 16oz) and no-sugar-added individual applesauce cups for April and May. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

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/7dyxytju>.



Heights of Hope Bingo Night! at Niekerk on Friday, April 24, from 6:30-8:30pm. Get ready for a lively evening of BINGO filled with laughter, inspiration, unlimited snack bar runs, and great prizes to win. Bring your friends or family and enjoy a night out while discovering the heart of Heights of Hope! All ages welcome. If you prefer a kid-free evening, childcare is available for kids who are potty trained through 5th grade for a suggested donation of \$20/child, which includes snacks and a kid-friendly BINGO experience. Spots are limited, so please indicate childcare needs on your ticket form.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at:

<https://heightsofhope.breezechms.com/form/BINGO>

Single tickets: \$40 Fill a table: 8 tickets for \$300

VIP Table: 8 tickets and special perks for \$500



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.

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Financial Consultation and Wellness Tools. Want help managing your budget or understanding mortgages, retirement planning, saving for college tuition, or other financial challenges? Our CAP partners with Lake Michigan Credit Union to provide free financial consultations, education and wellness tools. For more information and to access services, call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and or sent an email to eap@pinerest.org.

Dates for Your Calendar

April 20 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
April 27 Admin Team Meeting
May 21 Widow/Widowers Dinner

Below is the list of names that was inadvertently missed last week.

In Memory of:

Given by:

Ed & Alma Brink
Elaine Lampen
Lisa Vander Zwaag
 Jim & Donna Lampen

Marv & Joyce Russcher
 Tim & Bev Leep
 Larry & Sandy Van Dyke

Nick, Tena & Mary Ann Leep
 Tim & Bev Leep

James Leenstra
Ed & Betty Mosher
Justin & Geneva Tucker
 The Leenstra
 & Tucker Families

Jim & Jennie Kapenga
Russ & Sarah Lievens
 Ric & Karen Lucas
 Ron Kapenga

Frank & Gertie Nagelkirk
Gord Nagelkirk
Roger Nagelkirk
Winona Schaap
Gordon & Margaret Rigterink
Norman Rigterink
 Erv & Bonnie Nagelkirk

In Memory of:

Given by:

John & Marie Nyitray Sr.
Leon & Peggy Vaseboulos
Elaine Garvelink
Pete Mierop
 John W & Maria Nyitray
 & family

Bill & Lois Klaasen
Louis & Esther Nykamp
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