

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](http://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

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

**\*You Are My King**

Confession of Faith

**\*It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

Prayer

Offering: Community Impact

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*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

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Continue to pray for **Tim and Mary Nelson** as they weigh the decision before them concerning Tim's coming to serve as Pastor at Niekerk. Ask for clear discernment and guidance in this time.

Happy Birthday to **Bill Keen!** He will be 84 years old on Saturday. His favorite verse is, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

Lift up in prayer **Brenda and Terry Bosch** and their family in the passing of Brenda's dad, Robert Terpstra. A memorial celebration of Life will be held at Immanuel Church on Friday, April 17, at 11:00am with an hour of visitation prior at 10:00am.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing and sustaining strength. Pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Jerry Brower, Jack Koeman** and **Bill Keen**.

Our sympathies go out to **Jim and Donna Lampen** and their family as Jim's stepmom, Florence, passed away Thursday morning while in Florida.

Pray for the missionaries we help to support. This week, remember, **Mohan & Judy Chacko, Matt & Emily Slack, Laura Helder**, and the ministry of **World Renew**.

Pray for the **Community Impact Team** of Niekerk as they continue to plan for and provide opportunities for us to reach neighbors and friends and with the love and joy of Jesus.

Pray for the **renewing and reviving work of the Holy Spirit** in our midst. Ask the Lord to soften our hearts to His will and way.

## **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](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

**Vern Hoeksema Turns 90!** Please join Vern in celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday, April 23, from 4pm to 8pm with an open house at Niekerk in the Fellowship Center. Everyone is welcome!

**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/7dyxyju>.



**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](mailto: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

## **Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:**

Alofs-Folkert	Gary Meiste	616-218-4288
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	Dale Walters	616-422-3105

**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 Lievense  
    Ric & Karen Lucas  
    Ron Kapenga

### **In Memory of:**

#### **Given by:**

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

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

Bill & Lois Klaasen  
Louis & Esther Nykamp  
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**NIEKERK-LISTEN:** listen545

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

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