



“Well done, my  
good and  
faithful servant.”

Matthew 25:23



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
April 26, 2026

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

April 26, 2026  
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship

**\*Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace**

**\*Gratitude**

Prayer of Confession

**\*King of Kings**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Growing Hope Globally

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Break Now the Bread of Life**

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30 – page 1544

Message: **Niekerk Is Five Star**

Prayer

**\*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Lead Me, Guide Me**

Postlude

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Pianist: Jen Leep

Keyboard: Melinda Kryger

\*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

**\*Ancient of Days**

**\*Prayer for the Nations**

**\*He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)**

Confession of Faith – The Ten Commandments

**\*Build My Life**

Prayer

Offering: Growing Hope Globally

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**\*Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth**

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28 - page 3

Luke 5:27-35 – page 1603

Message: **You Were Made to Bless**

Prayer

**\*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

\*God's Blessing

**\*This Little Light of Mine**

Postlude

Pastor Leighton Seys

Pianist: Jen Leep

Keyboard: Melinda Kryger

\*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: Barnabas; Leaders: Jana & Cora Rigterink

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

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$13,390.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

- April 26 Growing Hope Globally
- May 3 Hockey Rock
- May 10 World Renew (school in Tanzania)
- May 14 Benevolent Fund
- May 17 Bravo CRC
- May 24 Lakeshore Little People's Place
- May 31 Niekerk Christian Education Fund

**Nursery Attendants:**

- This Week: AM: Jenn Schierbeek, Renee & Kayla Texer  
PM: Pat Texer & Sue Hoekstra
- Next Week: AM: Trisha Texer & Jessica Schutter  
PM: Dawn Folkert & Kris Roelofs

**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 Administrative Team Meeting
- Tuesday 9:30 AM Singing Through the Psalms
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study (Luke 6:37-49)
- Friday 9:00 AM H2H Packing

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Save the Date! Our year end event will be Saturday, May 30. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

**High School Youth Group:** Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 3, after the evening service.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**The Hoekstra family** would like to invite the congregation to witness the wedding ceremony of Makenna Hoekstra and Matt Meekhof on Friday, May 1, at 5:30pm at Central Avenue CRC.

Pray for **Pastor Tim and Mary Nelson**. Thank the Lord for their hearts that want to follow the Lord's leading. Ask the Lord to make the way clear for them.

Pray for those who are recovering from surgery and procedures. Remember **Marcia Walters, Erv Nagelkirk & Mary Anne Wagenfeld**. Pray for their continued healing.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing and sustaining strength. Pray for **Jerry Brower**, who was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday for testing. Pray as well for **Cal Schierbeek, Jack Koeman** and **Bill Keen**.

Pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week, remember **Duane and Gay Tucker, Jim and Lorraine Snay, Jerene Janssen, Ida Janssen** and **Donna Grotenhuis**.

Pray for the **missionaries** we help to support. Pray for **Growing Hope Globally**, through which U.S. farmers help smallholder farmers in developing countries to grow lasting solutions to hunger. This week, remember as well **Mohan & Judy Chacko, Matt & Emily Slack**, and **Laura Helder**.

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**

**Thirty-one Days of Prayer—May 7!** Niekerk is participating in 31 Days of Prayer along with other churches, each having been assigned a 24hr time period praying for the Holland/Zeeland Community. We have been assigned Monday, May 7, as our day to pray. Sign up at the Information Center to commit to cover a half-hour of that day in prayer. Also, pick up a prayer guide.

**Widow and Widowers Dinner.** The Deacons and their spouses invite you to join them on Thursday, May 21, for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Zeeland at 5:30pm. RSVP by signing up at the Information Center. If transportation is needed, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. Deadline Sunday, May 10.

**Hand2Hand** is collecting cans of spaghetti and meatballs (NO larger than 16oz) and no-sugar-added individual applesauce cups for 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>.



**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**

May 1	Hand2Hand Ministries
May 4	Council Meeting
May 7	Men's Bible Study
May 8	Hand2Hand Ministries
May 11	Red Cross Blood Drive
May 14	Ascension Day Service Men's Bible Study
May 17	HS Youth Group
May 21	Men's Bible Study Widow/Widowers Dinner
May 22	Hand2Hand Packing
May 28	Men's Bible Study
May 29	Monthly Prayer Gathering Hand2Hand Ministries
May 30	MS & HS Youth Group

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

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