



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
April 5, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

***Christ Is Risen**

Prayer of Confession

Apostles' Creed

***Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Empower International (Pakistan School Supplies)

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

Scripture: Luke 6:46-49 – page 1604

Acts 10:34-43 – page 1708

Message: **With Our Risen Lord**

Prayer

***Resurrecting**

*God's Blessing

***He Is Lord**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Jen Leep

Organist: Karen Lucas

*Stand as you are able

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Little Lambs will not meet today.

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.

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$4,890. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- April 5 Empower International (Pakistan School Supplies)
- April 12 Community Impact
- April 19 Gideons
- April 26 Growing Hope Globally

Nursery Attendants:

- This Week: AM: Carol Venema & Kim Walters
- Next Week: AM: Kathi Petroelje & Laura VanderZwaag
PM: Char Janssen & Sandy Van Dyke

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

- Today 7:00 AM Sunrise Service
- 7:30-9:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- Monday 6:30 PM Elder & Deacon Meetings
- 7:30 PM Council Meeting
- 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study (Luke 5:27-39)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continue to pray for Niekerk Church in this time of waiting and clarity for Tim & Mary Nelson as they weigh the decision before them concerning Tim's coming to serve as Pastor at Niekerk.

Our sympathies go out to **Vern and Doris Klingenberg** in the passing of Doris' brother, Ray Haupt. The funeral is next week in Iowa. Pray also for safe travels.

Pray for those who stand in need of God's healing and sustaining strength. Remember **Cal Schierbeek, Bill Keen** and **Jerry Brower**.

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

Pray for the missionaries we help to support. Remember **Laura Helder, Mohan & Judy Chacko, Aaron & Laurel Green, James Langteau, World Renew, Restoring Hope Missions and Empower International.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Results of Sunday Congregational Vote to hire Pastor Tim Nelson was 140 voting yes, and 40 voting no, which is a 77.7% approval. Council has also approved the hiring of Pastor Tim Nelson.

You Are Invited to a Summer of Swimming in the Psalms. We will gather once a week to learn Psalms together, filling our minds with the songs and prayers of Jesus. 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 planned for this month. Because of scheduling challenges, the first session will be offered two times on Sunday, April 19 and 26, at 11:00am. Together, we will share what it means to know something of God's amazing grace, seeking to become faithful followers 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 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 spaghetti and meatball cans (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.*

Laura Helder's Video Update. For those who may have missed Laura's video update. Here is a QR code to see it. 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.



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.

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>.



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 12 Elder & Deacon Installation
- April 13 Super Council Meeting
- 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

In Memory of:
Given by:

Wayne Alofs
Jayne Elise Alofs
 Virginia Alofs

Ed Boeve
John & Frances Boeve
Marian Boeve
 Jake & Jan Boeve
 Marge Boeve
 Jonathan, Lori & Reagan
 Boeve
 Ron & Joyce Dalman

Dave & Loie Dozeman
Daniel Dozeman
John & Grace Huizen
 Jake & Jan Boeve
 Jonathan, Lori & Reagan
 Boeve

Jerry & Cina Bosch
 The Bosch Family

Roger & Jean Ericks
 Earl & Cheryl Bosch

Al & Ev Bosch
Judy Bosch
Jerry & Lucille Kruithof
 Jack, Deb, Brian
 & Tim Bosch

Clarence Brower
Martin & Betty Brinks
Mart & Anna Batts
Wes Batts
 Curt & Marcy Brower

Clarence & Juliet Brower
Larry Brower
Lee & Steve Karsten
 Jerry & Elaine Brower

Mart & Betty Brinks
Judy Brinks
Marcia Beth Brinks
 Jerry & Elaine Brower

In Memory of:
Given by:

Jerry Folkert
Bob Walters
Connie Petroelje
 Dawn Folkert
 Sara Walters

Gloria
 Delia Gale

Don Grotenhuis
Pam Holmes
Matthew Holmes
 Donna Grotenhuis
 Jerry Holmes

John & Ethel Haan
Julius & Lorraine Nykamp
Nancy Schermer
Phil Regan
 Loren & Deb Haan
 Mike & Lindsey Haan

Harold & Evelyn Helder
Ryan Helder
Norma Hoogewind
Kara Nyland
Laverne & Winona Schaap
 Ed & Elaine Helder

Donna Helder
Ed & Sena Helder
Sharon Helder
Ted & Bea Boeve
 Harv Helder

Donna Helder
Peter & Junella Roon
 Phil & Rita Helder
 & family

Calvin & Esther Hochhalter
Brian Russcher
Tom Bos
 Tom & Carol Hochhalter

In Memory of:
Given by:

Norma Hoogewind
John O'Neill
Randy & Teri Hoogewind

Phyllis Hoeksema
Louis & Henrietta Hoeksema
Vern Hoeksema
Ivan & Sherrie Janssen

Leonard & Pam Vander Kolk
Jay & Shirley Hop
Mark & Jan Hop

Al & Ev Bosch
Pete & Carolyn Jacobsen

Jay Janssen
Ida Janssen
Ivan & Sherrie Janssen
John & Char Janssen
Joyce & Ken Schierbeek
And grandchildren

Andy & Eleanor Spaman
John & Lucy Disenroth
Adeline Spaman
John & Char Janssen

Jonathan Kos
Jim & Margaret Kos
Al & Betty Dykhous
Jim & Magda Kos
& family

Nick Leegwater
Bev Leegwater & family

Judie Kapenga
Ron & Brent Kapenga

Henry & Greta Keen
Arnold & Julie Hoek
Bill & Carol Keen

In Memory of:
Given by:

Lewey & Catherine
Michmerhuizen
Phil & Donna Michmerhuizen
Rosemarie Michmerhuizen
Nelva Michmerhuizen
Justin & Connie Petroelje
Jack & Joyce Koeman

Peggy Biller
August & Mary Garbrecht Sr.
Clifford & Hazel Kragt
Steve & Lisa Kragt
& family

Justin & Connie Petroelje
Dan & Kathi Petroelje
Nathan & Megan
Petroelje
Isaac, Emily, Elli
& Charley Brace
Tyler & Lauren Bosch

Marinus & Josephine Jansen
Harold & Irene Plaggemars
Earl & Lin Plaggemars

Don Rietman
Dick & Jennie Rietman
Grandma- Winnie Van Single
Dad-John Sterenberg
Nonie Rietman

Ray & Grace Roelofs
Jim, Nancy & Kris
Roelofs
Mike & Heidi Roelofs

Junior & Joan Hoffman
Allison Russcher
Dan Russcher
Glenn & Dorothy Russcher
Gary & Marilyn Russcher

Dennis & Grada Jongekrijg
Dave Jongekrijg
Gerrit Schierbeek
Cal & Deb Schierbeek

In Memory of:
Given by:

Bert & Millie Schierbeek
Ken & Joyce Schierbeek

Randy Czerkies
Michael, Jessica &
Brinlea Schutter

Ken & Betty VerHoeven
Steve & Deb Slenk

Arvin Sneller
John & Adeline Sneller
Adrian & Hilda Van Liere
Dale & Chris Van Liere
Dawn Van Liere
Phyllis Van Liere
Jim Vellinga
Rog & Loie Sneller

Lawrence & Jean Schipper
John & Esther Steenwyk
Bob & Jane Steenwyk

Alma Staal
Mike Staal
Sid Staal
MaryJo Staal

Lois Jacobs
Thelma Staal
Tom, Amy, Jacob &
Daniel Staal

Chanda Elzinga
Cami Joy Stoel
Dennis & Judy Stoel

Jacob & Margaret Voetberg
John J Timmer
John & Margaret Timmer

Harlan & Harriet Meiste
Garrit & Theresa Timmer
Ron & Linda Timmer

James & Evelyn Tjarks
Dick Van Gelder
Wayne & Jean Tjarks

In Memory of:
Given by:

Albert & Geneva Van Dyke
Larry & Sandy Van Dyke

Janice Van Haitsma
Al Van Haitsma

Gordon & Irene Walters
Robert & Thelma Hop
Dale Walters family

Debbie Walters
Joan Walters
Dave Walters

Rick Windemuller
Rich & Mary Van Eyck
Nancy Windemuller