



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
May 10, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***In Christ Alone**

Prayer of Confession

Lord, I Need You

Song of Assurance

***Living Hope**

Children's Message - **Shield Around Me**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: World Renew (school in Tanzania)

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***How Firm a Foundation**

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-18 – page 555

Message: **Overcoming Discouragement**

Prayer

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

*God's Blessing

***What He's Done**

Postlude

Pastor Jim Busscher

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

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

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***O Come, My Soul**

***Forever Reign**

Confession of Faith

***The Lord Is My Salvation**

Prayer

Offering: World Renew (school in Tanzania)

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***Seekers of Your Heart**

*Scripture: John 6:16-24 - page 1657

Message: **Jesus in My Boat**

Prayer

***Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer**

*God's Blessing

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Organist: Karen Lucas

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Little Lambs. Today is our last day for this season. A HUGE thank you to all our leaders and helpers that make this program a success. Have a great summer!

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,765. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

- 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

World Renew/Tanzania: School Children Need Desks! In Tabora, Tanzania, heavy rains destroyed the roof of Kasisi Primary School, where more than 600 children from the area are receiving an education and many are hearing about Jesus for the first time. Thanks to members of Niekerk and partners in Holland, the classrooms have now been repaired, and students are back learning. During the renovations, another need became clear. The students do not have desks and are sitting on the floor each day! Members of Niekerk, would you prayerfully consider giving generously to this Sunday's offering to help provide desks for the children of Tabora? Roughly 230 desks are needed, each desk is 45\$ and seats three students. Please contact Andrew Rienstra for more information at 616-826-8586 arienstra@worldrenew.net

Nursery Attendants:

- This Week: AM: Lindsey Haan & Margaret Timmer
PM: Dana Hondred & Kathie Helder
- Next Week: AM: Deb Haan & Melinda Kryger
PM: Carol Venema & Char Janssen

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

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| Today | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship Service |
| | 10:45 AM | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 5:00 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| Monday | 9:00 AM | Indoor Walking |
| | 1:00 PM | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Singing Through the Psalms |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM | Indoor Walking |
| | 6:30 PM | Ascension Day Service |

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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Let's give thanks today for our mothers and for the women God has placed in our lives as examples of God's love and nurturing care— Women who are faithfully and prayerfully pointing the next generation to Jesus.

Continue to pray for **Pastor Tim and Mary Nelson** asking for the clear leading of the Lord in their decision concerning the next congregation with whom they will serve. Be praying that our congregation will be equipped and ready to step into this next season of ministry. If you would like to send a note of encouragement, their address is 4960 Shiloh Drive in Belmont 49306 or you may send an email to tnel122@icloud.com. Tim's recent devotional on Psalm 34 is available on his Substack. The Substack link is: tnelson6.substack.com.

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

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

Pray for the **missionaries** we help to support. Give thanks for the work of **World Renew** as they serve to renew hope, reconcile lives and restore creation in gospel centered ministry around the world. Pray as well for **Laura Helder, Josh & Anna, Matt & Emily Slack, and Aaron and Laurel Green**.

Pray for a **renewing and reviving work** of the Holy Spirit. Pray for **peace in the world**. Pray that governing leaders in every nation would have hearts open to what would be best and work toward that. Pray for those **serving in the armed forces**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Widow and Widowers Dinner. *It's the last day to sign up!* 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.

Summer Psalms for Children of God of all ages. If you are interested in immersing yourself in the Psalms this summer (reading, praying, singing, meditating, and memorizing), sign up in May at the Information Center. We will choose our meeting time based on the availability of those who want to participate. Because accountability helps us in our Christian walk, it would be great to invite someone to join you: a parent, sibling, grandparent, or friend would be great! We will work together to actively learn parts of the Psalms beginning in June on a weekly basis.

Attention ATV/Side by Side Adventurers: Pencil in Saturday, June 20, for a trail ride in Baldwin! Please sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend, and more information will be in your mailbox the week before the event. If you have questions, contact Mark or Jan Hop, Zeb or Kristi Driscoll.

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/7dyxtvju>.



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. Stress can become overwhelming; and when left untreated it can lead to physical ailments including digestive issues, headaches, muscle pain, and even cardiovascular concerns. Take control of your stressors and learn healthy coping skills to overcome stress. Simply call 1-800-442-0809 and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk CRC to access free and confidential counseling.

Dates for Your Calendar

May 17	HS Youth Group
May 21	Widow/Widowers Dinner
May 22	Hand2Hand Packing
May 29	Monthly Prayer Gathering Hand2Hand Ministries
May 30	MS & HS Youth Group

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