

*and now these three remain:*

FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE;

*but the greatest of these is*

LOVE



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
May 17, 2026

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

May 17, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*We Will Extol You, God and King**

**\*Come, Thou Fount (Above All Else)**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**\*It Is Well**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Bravo CRC

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**\*Come, Holy Spirit, Hear Us Calling**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13 – page 1785

Message: **The Love God**

Prayer

**\*The Love of God**

\*God's Blessing

**\*It's Yours (the Lord's Prayer)**

Postlude

Pastor John Ouwinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

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

**\*Come, Thou Almighty King**

**\*The Goodness of Jesus**

Confession of Faith

**\*Why This Dark Conspiracy**

Prayer

Offering: Bravo CRC

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**\*In the Beams of the Son**

\*Scripture: John 6:35-44 - page 1656

Message: **Drawn by Grace**

Prayer

**\*Marvelous Grace**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Send Us Out in the Power of Your Spirit**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

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

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$17,180.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

- May 17 Bravo CRC
- May 24 Lakeshore Little People's Place
- May 31 Niekerk Christian Education Fund

**Nursery Attendants:**

- This Week: AM: Deb Haan & Melinda Kryger  
PM: Carol Venema & Char Janssen
- Next Week: AM: Deb Slenk & Linda Timmer  
PM: Kim Walters & Sara Heeres

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

- Today 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 5:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- 6:10 PM HS Youth Group
- Monday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Tuesday 9:30 AM Singing Through the Psalms
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- 5:30 PM Widow & Widowers Dinner
- Friday 9:00 AM Hand2Hand Packing

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**High School Youth Group:** Our last meeting for the year is this Sunday, May 17, after the evening service. Hope to see you there!

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Our year end event will be Saturday, May 30. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Center. Stay tuned for more details.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations to our High School Senior Cora Rigterink!** We will be celebrating with her on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, after the morning service.

Happy Birthday to **Jim Roelofs!** He is 81 years old today! His favorite verse is, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverb 3:5-6

Happy Birthday to **Marge Boeve!** She will be 85 years old on Monday. Her favorite verse is, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

Happy Birthday to **Bob Nyhof!** He will be 80 years old on Tuesday. His favorite verse is, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

We serve a risen and ascended Savior, Jesus. Give thanks as we gather for worship, that Jesus is present, He knows us, and He is praying for us! "If God is for us who can be against us?"

Pray for **Pastor Tim and Mary Nelson.** During the upcoming week, they will make a decision concerning our call to Tim to be our next pastor. Pray that the Lord will guide them. Pray that in either decision, our congregation will be equipped to consistently serve the Lord with gladness.

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

Pray for those who cannot get out the way they were once able: **Nick Ellerbroek, Judy Bosch, Marge Boeve, and Mark Timmer.** Mark has moved to Rest Haven at 280 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street in Holland room# 652-2.

As Memorial Day Weekend approaches, give thanks for those who served in the armed forces and gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation. Pray as well for others you know who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Next Sunday is also Pentecost—the day the Holy Spirit came with power. Be praying for the renewing and reviving work of the Holy Spirit here at Niekerk and the Church around the world. Pray for those you know who are facing difficulties. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the hope, courage and strength we need to face each challenge.

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 the missionaries we help to support. Ask the Lord to remind them of His call and provide for them their every need.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Niekerk News Reminder.** It's time again to gather information for the June newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, May 24**. 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).

**White Caps Game.** Sign up today for another night of fun and fellowship at a White Caps game on Tuesday, June 16. The game starts at 6:30pm and the tickets will be \$10. If you sign up, look for more information in your mailbox closer to the event date. This is a fun time for young and old!!! Thank you to the Council for contributing to the cost of the tickets.

**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/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. 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 29	Monthly Prayer Gathering Hand2Hand Ministries
May 30	MS & HS Youth Group
May 31	HS Senior Sunday

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

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