

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

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***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 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

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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

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?"

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.

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/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

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