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Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
May 24, 2026

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

May 24, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

## PENTECOST

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship

**\*One People, Here, We Gather**

**\*God Is For Us**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**\*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Lakeshore Little People's Place

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Spirit of the Living God**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:11-12 – page 323

Message: **The Holy Spirit and the Status Quo**

Prayer

**\*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow**

\*God's Blessing

**\*O God, Would You Move**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

\*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

## EPHESIANS 1 WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

Call to Worship

**\*Come Praise and Glorify**

Confession of Faith

**\*Who Is Like the Lord Our God?**

Reading

Prayer

**Beautiful Savior**

Reading

**Give Thanks to God the Father**

Prayer

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Reading

**\*How Great Thou Art**

Responsive Reading

**\*Holy Forever**

\*God's Blessing

Postlude

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Drums: Dan Petroelje

Praise Team

\*Stand as you are able

**Today is Pentecost** – the day we remember how the Holy Spirit came with power. Pray that each of us, and the Church in this area would be open to the **renewing and reviving work** of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,095.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

May 24 Lakeshore Little People's Place  
May 31 Niekerk Christian Education Fund

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week: AM: Deb Slenk & Linda Timmer  
PM: Kim Walters & Sara Heeres  
Next Week: AM: Lisa Kragt & Kathi Petroelje  
PM: Char Janssen & Laura VanderZwaag

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Singing Through the Psalms
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Prayer Gathering
	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Saturday	5:30 AM	MS & HS Event

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Our year end event will be Saturday, May 30, at 5:30am. 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 next week.

Congratulations to **Tyler and Allison (White) Kragt** who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 23. May God bless their marriage and be their guide throughout their lives.

On this **Memorial Day Weekend**, give thanks for those who served in the armed forces and gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation. Pray that the Lord will bless the leaders in our nation with wisdom and courage. Pray for **peace in the world**.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing and renewed strength. Give thanks that **Willemijn de Blois'** cochlear implant surgery went well. Pray also for **Gary & Joyce Morren, Jerry Brower, Cal Schierbeek, Jack Koeman** and **Bill Keen**.

Pray for the family of Viola Flokstra who was called home to be with the Lord last Sunday. Pray for her sister **Carolyn Rietman**, her brother **Jerry & Sharon Zeerip**, along with **Christie Rietman, and Aubrey & Dennis Bird**. Pray that the Lord will make his comfort and strength known.

Pray for those you know who are facing **challenging situations and decisions**. Ask the Lord to bless them with the awareness of his presence, guidance, and faithful love.

Pray for the **missions and missionaries** we help to support. This week, pray for **Lakeshore Little People's Place** Christian childcare centers. Pray for **Mohan and Judy Chacko, Laura Helder, James Langteau, Josh & Anna** and **John Wagenveld with Multiplication Network**.

Pray for **Pastor Tim and Mary Nelson** as they prepare to take up the work of pastoral ministry at Haven CRC. Pray for our congregation as well. Be faithful in praying for our **Council, Search Team and staff** as we press into what's before us now as we continue to search for our next pastor.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Niekerk News Deadline Today.** Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news today. 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.** 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 & Jan Hop, or Zeb & Kristi Driscoll.

**Hockey Rock 2026 starts June 15!** We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers for a variety of spots. See the sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

**Attention Niekerk Cookie Bakers!** Hockey Rock needs those GREAT cookies, so many of you provide. All cookies should be nut and peanut butter free. The popular *no-chocolate-nut-free* cookies are sugar cookies. Other suggestions are Rice Krispie cookies, shortbread, gingerbread and oatmeal with butterscotch chips. The sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

**Mission Support Team Update.** Laura Helder has identified and partnered with Network 153 who will be her sending agency as she moves into being a full-time missionary. Now that Laura has a sending agency the Mission Support Team met this week and has approved bringing Laura Helder on formally as a supported Missionary of Niekerk. The Deacons will now also be able to consider loose offerings to support Laura in addition to the funds allocated in the budget. Members that would desire to support Laura further could designate the gift for Laura made out to Niekerk or alternatively could make the donation directly through Network 153 whose website is: <https://network153.net>

**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.** Caring for elderly loved ones can be rewarding, yet also physically and emotionally challenging. Your well-being needs to be a priority. Our CAP provides free counseling to manage caregiver stress and free consultation with Elder Care experts to provide guidance about care, housing, insurance and more. It's easy, just call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) remember to say you have a CAP with Niekerk.

**Dates for Your Calendar**

May 31    HS Senior Sunday

**Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:**

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

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