



*Malachi 3:16*

THEN THOSE WHO FEARED  
THE LORD TALKED WITH  
EACH OTHER, AND THE LORD  
LISTENED AND HEARD.  
A SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE  
WAS WRITTEN IN HIS PRESENCE  
CONCERNING THOSE WHO

*feared the Lord  
and honored His name.*

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

May 3, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won (Psalm 105)**

**\*Because He Lives**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**\*This Is Amazing Grace**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Hockey Rock

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Show Us Christ**

Scripture: Malachi 3:13-18 – page 1494

Message: **The Lord of Hosts & His Treasured Possession**

Prayer

**\*This I Believe (The Creed)**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

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

**\*Shout to the Lord**

**\*Shout to the North**

Confession of Faith

**\*His Eye Is On the Sparrow**

Prayer

Offering: Hockey Rock

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*O Word of God Incarnate**

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25 - page 1755

Message: **Beware Weeds, Worms, and Mosquitos**

Prayer

**\*What A Day That Will Be**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Soon and Very Soon**

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Organist: Karen Lucas

\*Stand as you are able

**Little Lambs** meets during the morning worship service downstairs in the choir room for children who are age three through preschool. Your child will be released to Little Lambs after the children's message. Lesson: Jesus Goes Back to Heaven; Leaders: Lisa Kragt & Abby Helder

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

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$7,148.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

- May 3 Hockey Rock
- 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

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week: AM: Trisha Texer & Jessica Schutter  
PM: Dawn Folkert & Kris Roelofs

Next Week: AM: Lindsey Haan & Margaret Timmer  
PM: Dana Hondred & Kathie Helder

**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
- 6:30 PM Elder and Deacon Meetings
- 7:30 PM Council Meeting
- Tuesday 9:00 AM Singing Through the Psalms
- Thursday 9:00 AM Indoor Walking
- Friday 9:00 AM H2H Packing

**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.

**High School Youth Group:** meets tonight after the evening service.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Congratulations to Matt & Makenna (Hoekstra) Meekhof** who were united in marriage Friday, May 1, at Central Ave CRC. May God bless their marriage and be their guide throughout their lives.

Happy Birthday to **Denny Stoel**! He will be 81 years old on Tuesday. His favorite verse is, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

**Praise God for His creation. Thank Him for faithfully** providing each season. Pray for this season of planting. Pray with gratitude that He is tending to our growth as disciples of Jesus by His Word and Spirit.

Pray for **Pastor Tim and Mary Nelson**. Thank the Lord for their desire to follow the Lord's leading. Ask God to make His will for them very clear. Pastor Tim is also being considered by a neighboring congregation Tim applied to both congregations at the same time. He will give both congregations an answer by Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to send Pastor Tim and Mary a note of encouragement, their address is 4960 Shiloh Drive in Belmont 49306 or you may send an email to [tnel122@icloud.com](mailto:tnel122@icloud.com). Tim's recent devotional on Psalm 34 is available on his Substack. The Substack link is: [tnelson6.substack.com](https://nelson6.substack.com).

Give thanks for the jobs that we have. Praise the Lord that **Delia Gale** has received and accepted a new job offer! Ask the Lord to bless her in this new position and pray for those you know who are seeking a new job.

Pray for those who stand in need of the Lord's healing and renewed strength. Remember **Marcia Walters, Erv Nagelkirk & Mary Anne Wagenfeld** as they continue to recover from surgery. Pray as well for **Gary & Joyce Morren**. Joyce is in need of God's healing grace. Pray for Gary as he cares for her in this time. Pray for **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 **Nick Ellerbroek, Judy Bosch, Marge Boeve, and Mark Timmer**.

Pray for the **missionaries** we help to support. Give thanks for the work of **World Renew** and the many who work with them across the globe. Pray for **Mohan & Judy Chacko, Laura Helder, James Langteau, Josh & Anna and John Wagenfeld** with **Multiplication Network**.

Pray for **the Council** as they meet on Monday. Ask God to continue to give to them all they need as they seek to lead our congregation. Pray that each one will have a close walk with Jesus.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thirty-one Days of Prayer—May 7!** Niekerk is participating in 31 Days of Prayer along with other churches, each having been assigned a 24hr time period praying for the Holland/Zeeland Community. We have been assigned Thursday, May 7, as our day to pray. Sign up at the Information Center to commit to cover a half-hour of that day in prayer. Also, pick up a prayer guide.

**Widow and Widowers Dinner.** 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. Deadline next Sunday, May 10.

**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 11	Red Cross Blood Drive
May 14	Ascension Day Service Men's Bible Study
May 17	HS Youth Group
May 21	Men's Bible Study Widow/Widowers Dinner
May 22	Hand2Hand Packing
May 28	Men's Bible Study
May 29	Monthly Prayer Gathering Hand2Hand Ministries
May 30	MS & HS Youth Group

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