



*Jesus Joins Us in the Dark*

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
July 20, 2025

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

July 20, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

## Communion

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

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

***\*How Can I Keep From Singing***

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***\*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: The Benevolent Fund

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***\*Shine On Us***

Scripture: John 6:16-21 – page 1657

Message: **Jesus Joins Us in the Dark**

Prayer of Application

***\*Sovereign***

Communion

***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts***

***Behold the Lamb***

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Psalm 103

\*God's Blessing

***\*We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

Postlude

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Organist: Karen Lucas

Pianist: Jen Leep

\*Stand as you are able

## **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm**

### **Outdoor Service**

*Come, bring your lawn chairs, friends, and family as we worship together outside! Afterwards, everyone is welcome to stay for hot dogs, chips and dessert.*

*A worship order and song sheet will be available at the service.*

Prelude

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**\*Praise to Lord, the Almighty**

**\*Forever Reign**

**\*Good, Good Father**

Prayer

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**\*Good Soil**

\*Scripture: John 3:16-21 – page 1651

Message: **Life in the One and Only**

**\*All I Have Is Christ**

\*God's Blessing

**\*What He's Done**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

\*Stand as you are able

### **WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES**

**Live Stream and In Person Worship.** The morning and evening service 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 immediately following the live stream.

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,114.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

July 20 Benevolent Fund  
July 27 Positive Options

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week: AM: Renee & Emma Texer & Kathie Helder  
PM: Melinda Kryger & Dana Hondred  
Next Week: AM: Sara Heeres & Dawn Folkert  
PM: Kaylin Van Dyke & Jessica Schutter

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	6:30 PM	Admin Team Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Prayer Meeting

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that God would renew and refresh the earth; pray that crops may continue to grow until harvest time.
- Give thanks for the freedoms of the United States; lift up brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Ask that God would strengthen and protect them.
- Continue to lift up the Pastoral Search Team as they work. May God give them wisdom and unity of heart and mind.

**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).

**Local Mission Trip Meeting:** There will be a quick mission trip meeting in the sanctuary after the morning service for those who are serving throughout the week.

**Hockey Rock!** Hockey Rock ended on an awesome night of 60 kids and many supportive parents. MJ did a great job showing us how important TRUST plays a role in our daily relationship with Jesus. Our faithful committee, along with many volunteers, showed up for six weeks and brought love and encouragement to a total of 132 children who live near and far from our community. "Well done, good and faithful servants" ....Matt 25: 21a

**Women's Summer Bible Study** meets Tuesday, July 22, from 9:30am to 10:45am in the Fellowship Center, please come prepared to discuss Lesson 7, "Loving God's Purposes Trusting God's Plan", If you have questions, please call Char Janssen.

**GEMS!** Another season is about to start for Gems. It's open to girls that will be in 2nd grade to 8th grade. We look forward to the return of all our girls from last season and new girls this year. Our theme this season is *Walk on Water*. Our kickoff is Friday, September 5, with pizza and shirt decorating. The start time is 5:30-9pm with dinner at 6:00pm in the youth building. The Leaders are Char Janssen for the large group only, Carol Hochhalter for the 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and Nancy Means and Kristi Driscoll for the 2nd-4<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and Kaylin Van Dyke in charge of crafts.

**HOH 5K run/1.5K Walk.** This is the year for Niekerk to take home the participation trophy for the Heights of Hope 5K! The 5K buzz after church last Sunday was AMAZING! Here is the link to run, walk, volunteer, cheer, sponsor a racer, become a corporate sponsor, etc. for the 5K this year:



<https://www.heightsofhope.org/5k>. Everyone who plans to be there needs to register in order to be counted, so if your community group is planning on being there, make sure everyone registers. (That also gets everyone in the drawings for the door prizes). If you have questions, check with MJ Staal or Greg Leenstra. Let's do this, Niekerk! The race is **Saturday evening, August 9.**

**Rides for Mark Timmer.** Mark lives at Medilodge and appreciates being picked up for Sunday morning services. If you can help in this way, there is a signup sheet at the Information Center with more details. *Mark only needs a walker at this time.*

**Circles Meals.** Circles continues at Niekerk on Tuesday nights throughout the summer, and they are in need of meals. Contact Sara Heeres at [heeres@charter.net](mailto:heeres@charter.net) to volunteer or scan the QR code.



**Visitor Bags.** When we have guests visiting, there is a gift bag or a folder for them at the Information Center and by the Fellowship Center.

**Our Church Assistance Program.** Do you have an estate plan in place? Lack of preparation can result in tremendous stress for a loved one left behind. Ensure your wishes are carried out and loved ones can navigate the legalities with ease. Our program offers free 30-minute consultation and discount estate planning rates with Rhoades McKee law firm. To access your free legal consultation and get started on your estate planning, please email [eap@pinerest.org](mailto:eap@pinerest.org).

### **Dates for Your Calendar**

July 28	Local Mission Trip Begins!
July 29	Women's Bible Study
August 6	Worship Team Meeting
August 11	Shepherding Team Meeting
August 17	Outdoor Service

### **Ministry Priorities:**

- \*Encountering God in worship
- \*Nurturing full devotion to Christ
- \*Loving and caring for everyone
- \*Reaching out in service and witness