

Colossians

4:3-4



And pray for us, too, that
God may open a door for
our message, so that we
may proclaim the
mystery of Christ,
for which I am in chains.
Pray that I may proclaim it
clearly, as I should.

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

July 26, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Preparatory

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace**

***Ancient of Days**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Living Hope**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Building Men for Life

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

Scripture: Colossians 4:10-15 – page 1833

Message: **Hang in There!**

Prayer

***He Will Hold Me Fast**

Preparatory

*God's Blessing

***We Receive Your Blessing**

Postlude

Pastor Bill VanderHeide

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 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

****We Come, O Christ, to You***

****Unchanging***

Confession of Faith

****There Is a Higher Throne***

Prayer

Offering: Building Men for Life

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

****Sing to the King***

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 – page 1796

Message: **Our Arrival in Heaven**

Prayer

****I'll Fly Away***

*God's Blessing

****Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*Stand as you are able

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$10,460. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

July 26	Building Men for Life
August 2	InterVarsity/Arron Green
August 9	Haven Missionary Homes
August 16	Laura Helder
August 23	Health Pantry
August 30	Niekerk Christian Education Fund

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Jenn Schierbeek, Renee & Kayla Texer
	PM: Abby Helder & Sue Hoekstra
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Trisha Texer & Jessica Schutter
	PM: Dana Hondred & Kris Roelofs

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
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Prayer Gathering

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for those you know who need the Lord's healing and sustaining strength. Pray for **Dale Walters** who underwent further surgery on Wednesday for an infection in his knee. Pray also for **Jerry Holmes, Gary & Joyce Morren, Cal Schierbeek, Jack Koeman** and **Bill Keen**. Pray for those you know who struggle with chronic health issues.

Pray for **those who mourn** the loss of loved ones. **Al VanHaitsma's** granddaughter, Marie, sadly came to a point when she felt she couldn't continue living and took her life. Pray that God's peace and comfort will be made known to **Al**, Marie's parents, **Doug and Yvonne** and the rest of the family in this difficult time. Also, pray for friends of Niekerk, **Lucas and Ashley Taylor** and **Steve and Lori Klaasen** as they mourn the loss of their infant child and grandchild, Natalie.

Pray for the **missions and missionaries** we help to support. Pray for the **Summer Mission Trip Team** who are serving with **Appalachia Reach Out** this week. Remember as well, **Mohan & Judy Chacko, Laura Helder, Josh & Anna, Aaron & Lauren Green, Matt & Emily Slack** and **Building Men for Life**.

Pray for the **Pastoral Search Team**. Ask the Lord to continue to lead and guide them in the process of seeking out our next pastor.

Pray for the world we live in. Pray that peace will prevail in nations, communities and families. Pray for our nation's leaders. Ask that their decisions will be marked by wisdom and righteousness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professions of Faith. We are thankful for Reagan Boeve, Emma Texer, Bryce Faris and Alden Van Dyke. They have shared with Council members, Pastor John, and Trisha Texer the Youth Director a testimony of their love for Jesus and that they are trusting in Him for their salvation. They will be received publicly as confessing members of our congregation on August 9 and August 16. We are thankful for their parents and to all who have encouraged these young people in the walk of faith.

Prayer Request for Our Mission Team. Please lift up in prayer our mission team while they are at Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, Kentucky this week. Their primary focus will be serving local families and making a lasting, tangible impact on the surrounding community. Please pray for the team's health, safety, and unity, and that their service will bring hope, encouragement, and meaningful support to everyone they encounter.

Hockey Rock's grand finale took place on a sunny cool evening with a large crowd of 107 kids along with many families enjoying recreation. Jim Means played a stacking cup game while explaining how our FAITH takes a straight path in life and our FEARS will take many turns and curves. Faith should always be bigger than any of our fears. A special thanks to our Hockey Rock committee, where many of us have served for several years. Our numerous volunteers, who help make Monday nights run smoothly. May we forever be "Unashamed" of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Shalom.

Restoring Hope Missions Golf Outing. Please consider participating in and/or supporting RHM at their 4th annual golf outing on Thursday, August 6, at the Ravines Golf Course in Saugatuck! We do have a few spots open for teams who might want to golf, but we also can use hole sponsors, lunch sponsors and donations for prizes. Prize or donation suggestions would be a dozen golf balls, gift cards to a local restaurant, or really anything you think someone would enjoy getting as a prize! If you would like to help us generate funds to continue providing HOPE to churches and Christian schools in Africa and abroad, please contact Eric Louwerse at 616-218-2804 or email eric@arnoldsales.net. Thanks so much for your support in the past and we are looking forward to another great outing!

Heights of Hope 5K Registration is Open! *Register today to get a race t-shirt.* Join us on Saturday evening, August 8, for the Heights of Hope 5K and 1.5 Mile Fun Run. This year's theme is *Decades*, so gather your friends, pick your favorite era, and join the fun while supporting the work of Heights of Hope. Registration is now open for both racers and volunteers. When you register, be sure to join the Niekerk team to help boost the numbers! Find all the details and register at www.heightsofhope.org/5k.



Volunteer Youth Mentors Needed. You don't have to be an expert to be a mentor. If you're willing to show up, listen, and build a relationship with a young person, we'd love to meet you! Heights of Hope is hosting a mentor training later this month for anyone interested. Check out www.heightsofhope.org/programs/mentoring or contact Laura at laura@heightsofhope.org to learn more.

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/7dyxytju>.



Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. Prioritizing sleep, nutrition, exercise, and self-care can strengthen your mental well-being and lower your risk of depression. While these healthy habits can lower your risk, symptoms may still arise. If you experience signs of depression lasting longer than two weeks, it's important to seek help from a professional. Visit pinrest.org/scheduling or call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

Bus Trip to Shipshewana with Holland Heights CRC? HHCRC invites you to join them on Wednesday, August 26, on a bus trip to Shipshewana. We will be leaving church at 7:30am. We will stop at a few places around Shipshewana and get lunch. At 4:00pm we are going to *Love Comes Softly* the musical based on Jannette Oke's book. We will stop at Culvers on the way home for supper. We should get home by 9:30pm. The cost this year is \$100 (our bus rental went up). If you would like to go, you may sign up by emailing the office at office@hhcrc.org.

Dates for Your Calendar

August 8	Heights of Hope 5K
August 9	Outdoor Service
August 28	Monthly Prayer Gathering

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