



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
August 16, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Profession of Faith

Reagan Boeve

Emma Texer

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

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

****Goodness of God***

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

****Living Hope***

Children's Message

Profession of Faith

****Gratitude***

****Graves Into Gardens***

****10,000 Reasons***

Prayer

Offering: Laura Helder

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Prayer

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****Ancient Words***

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-21– page 1826

Message: **God's Final Gift: A New Glorified Body**

Prayer

****Jesus Lives and So Do We***

*God's Blessing

****The Benediction Song***

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Organist: Karen Lucas

*Stand as you are able

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

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***Great Are You, Lord**

***King of Kings**

Psalm 27

***It Is Well**

Prayer

Offering: Laura Helder

***Blessed Jesus At Your Word**

Scripture: John 8:12-30; John 12:35-36 – page 1662

Message: **Heavenly Light**

Prayer

***Jesus, the Light of the World with Psalm 8**

*God's Blessing

***This Little Light of Mine**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

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.

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,510. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

August 16 Laura Helder
August 23 Health Pantry
August 30 Niekerk Christian Education Fund

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Emma Texer & Melinda Kryger
 PM: Linda Timmer & Kathie Helder

Next Week: AM: Carol Venema & Deb Slenk
 PM: Kim Walters & Char Janssen

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	Shepherding Meeting
Wednesday	12:15 PM	Prayer Walk
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray God's blessing on **Reagan Boeve, Emma Texer, Bryce Faris and Alden Van Dyke** as they have professed their faith in Jesus. Emma and Reagan will be received in worship today. We are thankful for their parents and to all who have encouraged these young people in the walk of faith.

Our sympathies go out to **Dean & Karen Koopman, Bryce Koopman and Nate & Kendra Van Harn** in the passing of Karen's mom, Ruth Fennema, on Monday evening. Continue to pray for the family during this time of loss. The funeral was on Friday at Baldwin Street CRC.

Remember as well, **Connie Koning and her family** in the loss of her husband, Tom Koning. Connie grew up at Niekerk and is related to many in the congregation.

Pray for those who stand in need of God's healing and sustaining strength. Pray for **Jerry Holmes, Cal Schierbeek, Jack Koeman, and Bill Keen.**

Pray for **Niekerk Church** in this time of seeking a new pastor. Continue to lift up the Search Team as they work to gather names and consider possible candidates.

Pray for the **missions and missionaries** we help to support. This week, lift up in prayer **John Wagenveld & Ken Neevel with the Multiplication Network, James & Sarah Langteau, Josh & Virginia Ham, Laura Helder and Restoring Hope.**

Pray for the world. Pray that peace will prevail in **nations, communities and families.** Pray that **nation's elected officials** will be better able to understand each other and work together in leading our nation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's time again to gather information for the September newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, August 23.** 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.

Niekerk Cadets! We are in need of a few new counselors, so any men feeling this as their calling to help support the boys and the Cadet program here at Niekerk, please contact Jim Means.

- Any boys in 3rd through 8th grade interested in being part of the Niekerk Cadet program, please contact Jim Means. Our season will start mid-September.
- Contact Jim Means at jjmeans@charter.net or by phone at 616-240-5944.

Praying for Holland Heights School, teachers, students and staff. You are invited to a prayer walk through Holland Heights School this Wednesday, August 19, at 12:15–1:00pm. Join the Prayer Team as we pray for the coming school year. Sign up at the Information Center if you would like to come along.

Building a Community of Faith: The Stories We Tell Plan on joining in this fun and interactive two-hour event Saturday, September 19, at 3:00–5:00pm in the Fellowship Center. It's planned for folk around 40+. This time will help spark the remembrance of some of our own life stories while listening to the stories of others. Invite neighbors and friends to come along!

Help! We are missing several Niekerk kitchen towels and dish cloths. If you find any in your inventory, please return them to the kitchen.

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/7dyxtyju>.



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.

Dates for Your Calendar

August 28	Monthly Prayer Gathering
September 19	The Stories We Tell

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