



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
August 17, 2025

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

***\*Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah!***

***\*Kings of Kings***

Confession and Assurance

***\*My Savior, My God***

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Building Men for Life

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Mission Trip Update

***\*Christian Hearts in Love United***

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11 – page 1822

Message: **Paul's Prayer for the Philippian Church**

Prayer of Application

***\*O How Good It Is***

\*God's Blessing

***\*Build Your Kingdom Here***

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Organist: Karen Lucas

\*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.

## 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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**\*All Creatures of Our God and King**

**\*Your Great Name**

Litany of Praise

**\*Holy Forever**

Prayer

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**\*How Firm a Foundation**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Message: **How Great Is Our God!?**

Prayer

**\*How Great Is Our God**

\*God's Blessing

**\*The Benediction Song**

Postlude

Pastor John Ouwinga

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

\*Stand as you are able

### **Ministry Priorities:**

\*Encountering God in worship

\*Nurturing full devotion to Christ

\*Loving and caring for everyone

\*Reaching out in service and witness

**Last week's envelope collection totaled \$4,481.** This amount includes electronic giving.

### **Offering Schedule:**

August 17 Building Men for Life  
August 24 Gateway Missions  
August 31 Appalachian Reach Out

### **Nursery Attendants:**

This Week: AM: Sandy Van Dyke & Lisa Kragt  
PM: Deb Slenk & Sue Hoekstra

Next Week: AM: Pat Texer & Abby Helder  
PM: Melinda Kryger, Renee & Emma Texer

### **THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 AM	At the Gate
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Happy Birthday to **Jerene Janssen**! She will be 95 years old on Saturday! Her favorite verse is, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

**Pastor Tom Pettinga** had a successful knee replacement surgery on Monday and is recovering at home. If you wish to send him a card, his address is: 59 Diamond Ave in Holland 49423.

**Ken and Laura VanderZwaag** welcomed Declan Lee into their family on Sunday, August 10. Declan was born prematurely but he is doing well. Pray for continued healing for Laura and that Declan will continue to grow stronger and be able to join his Mom and Dad and brother Brady and sister Alaina at home soon.

**Nancy Windemuller** was transferred to Mary Free Bed Tuesday. Pray that all might heal properly and that she will be home soon.

Pray for those who stand in need of healing and restored strength. Continue to pray for **Jon Boeve, Jerry and Elaine Brower, Pam Holmes, Bill Keen, Cal Schierbeek and Lou Wagenveld.**

Continue to pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week, remember **Nick Ellerbroek** who is at Royal Park Atrium and **Leona Scholten** who is in memory care at Quincy Place Senior Living. Ask the Lord to make His presence and peace known to them this week.

#### Prayer Prompts:

- Give thanks for the rain that came on Tuesday; at the same time, pray for areas that have been devastated by flooding.
- Ask that God will speak clearly to the next pastor of Niekerk Church, calling him to come here.
- Pray for Pastor John and Maria, as they fill the interim pastor/family role so well. May God bless them both.
- Pray for missionaries, particularly those who may be discouraged and lonely. Ask God to sustain them and to provide Christian fellowship.

### **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 24**. 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).

There will be a report on the **Niekerk Summer Mission "Trip"** during the morning service today.

**Search Team Update.** The Search Team, with help from Chemistry Staffing, has been actively pursuing three potential pastoral candidates. The team worked diligently to narrow the list down and identify the lead candidate. As they were interviewing and working towards having him visit and preach, he accepted a different call to a church that is closer to his home. While this is a short-term setback, the team is still pursuing other candidates and reviewing different men that they believe God may be calling to lead Niekerk. We confidently trust that God has a plan, and we are excited to find who He has picked as our next pastor. Please continue to be in prayer for the team as they review candidates and continue with the search.

**Positive Options** is in urgent need of the following items: baby wash and shampoo, baby lotion, diaper cream, and newborn sleepers. Think about adding a couple of these items to your next shopping list. There will be a basket to collect the items near the historical cabinet in the hallway for you to drop the items off.

**Save the Date!** Pencil in Thursday, October 16, for The Great Pumpkin Party! This is a great time to spend interacting with our neighbors. Consider how you can help with the night (we need 60 volunteers) and having a great night of fun doing so.

**Cadet Season 2025-2026** will start soon, so we are inviting any boys entering the 3rd grade this year to join our Wednesday night activities. If your son(s) is/are interested, or you need more information, please contact Jim Means by email: [jjmeans@charter.net](mailto:jjmeans@charter.net) or by calling 616-240-5944.

**Men's Fall Golf Outing:** Pencil in Thursday and Friday, September 25-26, to golf at Manistee National. More details can be found on the sign-up sheet.

**Women's Fall Bible Study 2025.** Women of Niekerk, it is time to think about joining the Women's Fall Bible Study 2025. We will meet on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Center on the following dates: September 23, 30 and October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4 & 11 from 9:30am to 10:45am. A signup sheet and a copy of the book can be found at the Information Center. Let Char Janssen know if you have a friend you'd like to invite.

**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.



**Our Church Assistance Program.** Alzheimer's and dementia can overwhelm caregivers and affect every facet of their life. How do you keep someone with dementia safe in their home? How do I know when it's time for assisted living or nursing home care? Our CAP provides 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) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk to access free and confidential support

### **Dates for Your Calendar**

August 29	Monthly Prayer Meeting
September 8	Council Meeting
September 10	Senior (65+) Singles
September 17	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
September 25	Monthly Prayer Meeting

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

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

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