



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
August 2, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Communion

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

****We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise***

****Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

****Before the Throne of God Above***

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Intervarsity/Arron Green

****We Long to See You***

Scripture: Luke 22:7-22 – page 1638

Message: **Sharing Mixed Emotions with Jesus**

Prayer

****Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Communion

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Pianist: Jen Leep

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

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***Victory in Jesus**

***Who You Say I Am**

Confession of Faith

***All My Boast in Jesus**

Prayer

Offering: InterVarsity/Arron Green

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***Like a River Glorious**

Scripture: Romans 8:12-27 – page 1755

Message: **Living Well in a Foreign Land**

Prayer

***Psalm 27**

*God's Blessing

***Abide With Me**

Postlude

Pastor Jim Dykstra

Pianist: Jen Leep

Organist: Karen Lucas

*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 \$3,085. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

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: Trisha Texer & Jessica Schutter
	PM: Dana Hondred & Kris Roelofs
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Pat Texer & Margaret Timmer
	PM: Lindsey Haan & Dawn Folkert

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	Elder & Deacon Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	8:00 AM	Restoring Hope Golf Outing
	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Saturday	5:30 PM	Heights of Hope 5K

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Teri Hoogewind's brother, Rob**, that has been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate and bone cancer. Rob had a fall and shattered his shoulder. Pray for healing and strength.

Karen Koopman's mom, **Ruth Fennema**, suffered a stroke on Friday, July 24. Pray for her healing and pray that God's peace and strength would be made known to her dad, George, and the rest of the family.

Pray for those you know who are in need of the Lord's healing and sustaining strength. Pray for **Jerry Holmes, Gary & Joyce Morren, Cal Schierbeek, Jack Koeman** and **Bill Keen**.

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

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.

Update from the Pastoral Search Team. The Search Team would like to thank the entire congregation for its continued support and prayers as we move ahead to find our next pastor. We met again on July 20th with renewed excitement at the potential that was in front of us. As we trust the Lord in this process, we are looking into the names that have been presented to us from the congregation and would eagerly welcome more. Thank you for joining us on this journey and we can't wait to see what the Lord has planned!

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! Join us on this 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/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.

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 9	Outdoor Service
August 28	Monthly Prayer Gathering

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

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NIEKERK-LISTEN: listen545

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

*****Go to www.niekerkcrc.org under “sermons” menu*****