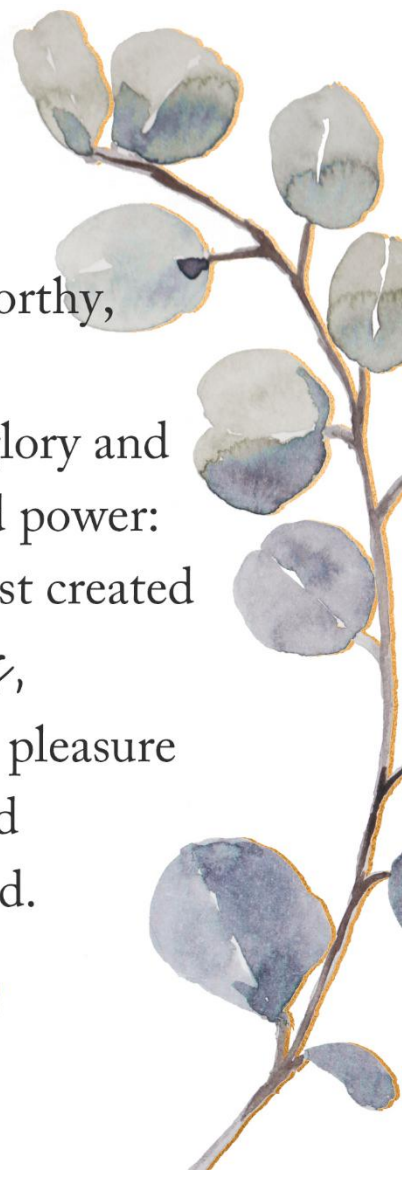




Thou art worthy,
O Lord,
to receive glory and
honour and power:
for thou hast created
all things,
and for thy pleasure
they are and
were created.

Revelation 4:11

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
August 23, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

August 23, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

***Father, Spirit, Jesus**

***Come As You Are**

Words of Assurance

***Firm Foundation**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Health Pantry

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Scripture: Revelation 4 & 5 – page 1971

Message: **Worship of God**

Prayer

***Is He Worthy?**

***Behold Our God**

*God's Blessing

***Doxology**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Jen Leep

Keyboard: Melinda Kryger

*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

****Come, Thou Fount (Above All Else)***

****My Jesus, I Love Thee***

Affirmation of Faith

****O Praise the Name***

Prayer

Offering: Health Pantry

****Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord***

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-5, 22-27 – page 1937

Message: **God's Ultimate Prize to Us**

Prayer

****Come, We That Love the Lord***

*God's Blessing

****Glory, Glory Hallelujah***

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Jen Leep

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*Stand as you are able

The Pastoral Search Team is making a video for Chemistry Staffing. MJ will be doing some recording before, during, and after the services today in order to make this happen. Thanks.

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$10,920. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

August 23 Health Pantry
August 30 Niekerk Christian Education Fund

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Carol Venema & Deb Slenk
 PM: Kim Walters & Char Janssen
Next Week: AM: Laura VanderZwaag & Deb Haan
 PM: Sara Heeres & Jenn Schierbeek

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

Happy Birthday to **Jerene Janssen**! She is 96 years old today! Her favorite verse is, "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name." Psalm 33:20-21

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 also for **Stan Brandsen** who fell and broke his hip. He is in the hospital waiting to be transferred and begin physical therapy. Pray as well for **Barb Shoemaker** who is recovering from a broken pelvis. Pray for Holly Riemersma's niece **Caitlin** who is receiving physical therapy for paralysis following a car accident.

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 **Mohan & Judy Chacko, Laura Helder, Josh & Anna, Aaron & Lauren Green, Matt & Emily Slack and Building Men for Life.**

Pray for **schools** as they begin the fall term. Pray that teachers, staff and students will be blessed and equipped to have a great year of learning.

Pray for peace in the world. Pray for our **nation's elected officials** and for those serving in the **armed forces of our country.**

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.

Building a Community of Faith: The Stories We Tell. Singer, song writer and storyteller, Michael Kelly Blanchard, along with David Blaauw will lead us 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 years of age and older. This time will help spark memories of our own as we listen to stories sung as well as spoken. Invite neighbors and friends to come along!

The **Men's Bible Study** will begin again on September 24 at 9:30 - 10:30am. You are welcome to join in as we continue our study in the gospel of Luke.

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 at jjmeans@charter.net or by phone at 616-240-5944. 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.

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

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. *Hope & Healing with Same-Day Support.* Thoughts of self-harm or feeling like life isn't worth living can be incredibly heavy—but you are not alone, and healing is within reach. Talking with a counselor can help you feel heard, reduce the intensity of these thoughts, and build a plan for getting through them safely. Our CAP can provide a safe, confidential space to share when you need it most. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1), mention you're a CAP member with Niekerk CRC and request a same-day session. If you're in immediate danger and need urgent support, please call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, available 24/7.

Dates for Your Calendar

September 19 The Stories We Tell

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

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Louwerse – Shoemaker	Gary Meiste	616-218-4288
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