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We haven't stopped praying  
for you.

...that you may be filled with  
the knowledge of His will

in all *wisdom* and

**SPIRITUAL**

*understanding*

..... Colossians 1:9 .....

Jesus4Ever

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
**Growing in Christ & Making Him Known**  
August 24, 2025

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

August 24, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Firm Foundation**

**\*Come, All You Unfaithful**

Apostles' Creed

**\*No Longer Slaves**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Gateway Mission

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

**\*Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-13 – page 1828

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

Prayer of Application

**\*Father, Spirit, Jesus**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Build My Life**

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 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

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

**\*Lord Most High**

**\*Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name**

Confession of Faith

**\*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

Prayer

Offering: Gateway Mission

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**\*Like a River Glorious**

Scripture: Job 40:1-14 – page 835

Message: **Letting God be God**

Prayer

**\*When Peace Like a River**

\*God's Blessing

**\*All Through the Day**

Postlude

Pastor Cal Compagner

Pianist: Jen Leep

\*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 \$11,342.** This amount includes electronic giving.

**Offering Schedule:**

August 24    Gateway Mission  
August 31    Appalachian Reach Out

**Nursery Attendants:**

This Week:        AM: Pat Texer & Abby Helder  
                         PM: Melinda Kryger, Renee & Emma Texer  
Next Week:      AM: Linda Timmer & Kathi Petroelje  
                         PM: Kathie Helder & Dawn Folkert

**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          |
|          | 6:30 PM  | Prayer Ministry Team    |
| Friday   | 7:00 AM  | Monthly Prayer Meeting  |

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Elaine Brower** is asking for prayers for next week Monday as she will be meeting with a group of heart doctors in Grand Rapids and having several different x-rays and screenings. They hope to implant a new aortic valve soon. Pray that all goes well.

Pray for **Carol Hochhalter's mom, Betty Matthews**, who is recovering from surgery from a broken leg. She remains in the hospital and will need rehabilitation therapy. Pray for her healing and renewed strength.

Pray for **Judy Stoel** who has had difficulty walking. She is at Zeeland Hospital waiting for Mary Free Bed Services. Pray for strength and healing.

**Declan Vander Zwaag**, son of Ken and Laura, was able to go home on Tuesday and is doing well. Continue to pray for this young family.

**Nancy Windemuller** was discharged from Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital on Wednesday to go home where she will continue with outpatient therapy. She thanks God for His love and care and for everyone who prayed for her.

Pray for those who stand in need of healing and restored strength. Continue to pray for **Pam Holmes and Lou Wagenveld** who are being treated for cancer. Remember **Jerry Brower, Bill Keen and Cal Schierbeek** as well.

We want to continue to pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week, remember **Jim & Lorraine Snay** who are at Riley Grove in Zeeland. Lorraine stays in memory care, yet each day they spend time together with activities and visits in Jim's room. Pray for **Judy Bosch** who lives at Royal Park Atrium Inn. Ask the Lord to make His peace-filled presence and grace known to them this week.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the end of wars around the world.
- Give thanks for God's provision for our church and for our families.
- Ask for eyes to see where God is working, and for courage to join Him.
- Pray for Carson Watts, who was unable to find housing in Holland, and is currently living with his mother in Homer, Michigan.

## **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](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

**Bible Story Tellers Needed.** Sunday school is looking for volunteers willing to be put in a rotation to read/lead the large group Bible story lesson before they break off into their classrooms. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please reach out to Kaylin Van Dyke or Trisha Texer and feel free to ask us any questions. Thank You!

**Prayer Partners.** Thank you to everyone who has served as a Prayer Partner for our children and youth over the past two years! We trust that these relationships will continue, serving as a source of joy and encouragement. We will be assigning new prayer partners for the next two years. Adults, if you are willing to keep one of our children in your prayers, please sign up or contact Trisha Texer by Sunday, August 31. New partnerships will be assigned, and we will have a fellowship time after church in September.

**The Men's Bible Study** will begin again on Thursday, September 11, at 9:30am. This fall we will be studying the book of James. Each week, we will consider together what faith in action looks like and seek to encourage each other in our walk with God. If you have any questions? Check with Pastor John.

**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 have a great time fun in 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: [jimeans@charter.net](mailto:jimeans@charter.net) or by calling 616-240-5944.

**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. During this time, the selected pastor accepted another call. 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.

**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 sign-up 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**

|              |                            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| September 8  | Council Meeting            |
| September 10 | Senior (65+) Singles       |
| September 17 | Wednesday Night at Niekerk |
| September 25 | Monthly Prayer Meeting     |
|              | Men's Golf Outing          |

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

|               |                 |              |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Alofs-Folkert | Gary Meiste     | 616-218-4288 |
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|               | Joel Kryger     | 616-218-5782 |
| Keen-Nykamp   | Steve Slenk     | 616-836-1011 |
|               | Mike Schierbeek | 616-610-6932 |
| Paiz-Sneller  | Dave Helder     | 616-836-0372 |
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