



*I have not
stopped giving
thanks
for you,
remembering
you in my prayers.*

Ephesians 1:16

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
August 3, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

August 3, 2025

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Come Praise and Glorify**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

Confession and Assurance

***Firm Foundation**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Bravo CRC

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***To Know You More**

Scripture: Ephesians 1 (NLT)

Message: **The Prayers of Paul**

Prayer of Application

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

*God's Blessing

***By the Sea of Crystal**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

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 under sermons. The services will be uploaded immediately following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

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****Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

Confession

****Goodness of God***

Prayer

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

*Scripture: John 3:22-36 – page 1651

Message: **Getting Small Part One**

Renewal of Baptism

****Sing! A New Creation***

Message: **Getting Small Part Two**

Prayer

****Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me***

*God's Blessing

****Glory, Glory, Hallelujah***

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Organist: Karen Lucas

*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 \$4,325. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

August 3	Bravo CRC
August 10	African Inland Missions
August 17	Building Men for Life
August 24	Gateway Missions
August 31	Appalachian Reach Out

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Melanie Russcher & Jenn Schierbeek
	PM: Kris Roelofs & Deb Slenk
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Laura Vander Zwaag & Margaret Timmer
	PM: Trisha Texer & Lindsey Haan

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
	6:30 PM	Elder & Deacon Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Worship Team Meeting
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Saturday	5:30 PM	Heights of Hop 5K

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Elaine Brower had a heart catheterization Thursday. Pray that the test will reveal the next steps for the doctors as they treat Elaine for a heart valve concern.

Happy Birthday to **Ida Janssen**! She will be 100 years old on Saturday! Her favorite verse is, "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night," Psalm 92:1-2

Be in prayer for **Pam and Jerry Holmes and Pam's mom Donna**. Give thanks for God's blessing them with His peace during this time. They are so grateful for the ways Niekerk has shown their care and concern.

Pray for **Wayne and Virginia Alofs** as Wayne is receiving hospice care and is growing weaker. Continue to pray for an open door to a good care facility for him.

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

Pray for **Joseph Brouwer, Matthew DeKam and Isaiah Langteau** who serve in the armed forces of our country.

Give thanks for the ways God blessed the Mission Week at Niekerk. We were able to come along side and encourage many ministries and we were encouraged!

Pray for our nation and its leaders. Ask the Lord to bring about a spirit of unity in our government that together as a nation we can stand up for what's good, kind, honorable and true.

Prayer Prompts:

- Continue to pray for farmers, for crops, for refreshing rains.
- Pray for safety in travel for those traveling in this season.
- Ask God for wisdom, discernment, and unity for the Pastoral Search Team.
- Lift up those struggling through long-term treatments and rehabilitation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregation is invited to a 100th birthday open house for Ida Janssen! She will be 100 years old on Saturday, August 9, and an open house in her honor will be held on that day in the Fellowship Center from 1pm to 3pm. NO gifts. No RSVP. If you would like to send a card, Ida's address is 144 – 104th Ave, Holland, MI 49423.

Free Items. After the service, come downstairs to the Sunday School area to check out various free items for children: DVD of songs used in Summer Bible Club, craft supplies, inflatable animals, cardboard animals and more.

HOH 5K run/1.5K Walk. *It's not too late to sign up!!*

This is the year for Niekerk to take home the participation trophy for the Heights of Hope 5K! Here is the link to run, walk, volunteer, cheer, sponsor a



racer, or become a corporate sponsor for this year's race

<https://www.heightsofhope.org/5k>. If you have questions, check with MJ Staal or Greg Leenstra. Let's do this, Niekerk! **The race is on Saturday!**

Thank you! to our church family for a wonderful week of service in our community! From prayers to food to giving of time in service throughout the week, we couldn't have done it without you all! Stay tuned for a report on the trip in the coming weeks!

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.

Rides for Mark Timmer. Mark lives at Medilodge and appreciates being picked up for Sunday morning services. If you can help in this way, there is a signup sheet at the Information Center with more details. *Mark only needs a walker at this time.*

GEMS! Another season is about to start for GEMS. It's open to girls that will be in 2nd grade to 8th grade. We look forward to the return of all our girls from last season and new girls this year. Our theme this season is *Walk on Water*. Our kickoff is Friday, September 5, with pizza and shirt decorating. The start time is 5:30-9pm with dinner at 6:00pm in the youth building. The Leaders are Char Janssen for the large group only, Carol Hochhalter for the 5th-8th grade girls, and Nancy Means and Kristi Driscoll for the 2nd-4th grade girls, and Kaylin Van Dyke in charge of crafts.

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 to volunteer or scan the QR code.



Visitor Bags. When we have guests visiting, there is a gift bag or a folder for them at the Information Center and by the Fellowship Center.

Our Church Assistance Program. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms can occur even if an event doesn't directly happen to you. Witnessing a traumatic event or vicarious trauma from global tragedies can develop into PTSD. If you or a loved one is experiencing night terrors, flashbacks, severe anxiety, fear, or other PTSD symptoms, please 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 11	Shepherding Team Meeting
August 13	Senior (65+) Singles
August 17	Outdoor Service

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

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