



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
August 31, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***God of Grace and God of Glory**

***God Is for Us**

Children's Message

Prayer

Offering: Appalachian Reach Out

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts**

Scripture: John 17:20-23 – page 1680

Message: **Brought to Complete Unity**

Prayer of Application

***They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

*God's Blessing

***It's Yours (The Lord's Prayer)**

Postlude

Pastor Leighton Seys

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 immediately following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

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***Forever**

***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Appalachian Reach Out

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***Blessed Jesus, At Your Word**

Scripture: John 4:1-15 – page 1652

Message: **Evangelism in Samaria—The Wrong People**

Prayer

***Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

*God's Blessing

***This Little Light of Mine**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

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 \$5,966. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

August 31	Appalachian Reach Out
September 7	Community Impact Fund
September 14	Niekerk Christian Education Fund
September 21	Health Pantry
September 28	InterVarsity – Missionary Aaron Green

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Linda Timmer & Kathi Petroelje
	PM: Kathie Helder & Dawn Folkert
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Dana Hondred & Sara Heeres
	PM: Kaylin Van Dyke & Kris Roelofs

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Judy Stoel, Nancy Windemuller and Betty Matthews** as they continue with physical therapy. Lift up in prayer **Jerry Brower, Bill Keen, Cal Schierbeek and Tom Pettinga**. Pray for their healing and renewed strength.

Pray for **Pam Holmes and Lou Wagenveld** as they receive treatment for cancer. Pray for healing and for their daily strength.

Pray for **Elaine Brower** as she gains strength following recent heart tests. She will be scheduled for aortic valve replacement soon. Pray that she will stay healthy and strong during these weeks of waiting.

Pray for those who can't get out the way they were once able. This week, ask the Lord to bless **Ida Jansen and Shirley Bosch** with good days.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for those who mourn. Ask God to make His comfort and peace known to them in those times when they strongly feel the absence of their loved ones.

- Pray for safety for all of those celebrating and traveling on this holiday weekend.
- Ask that the Pastoral Search Team would be encouraged in their work.
- Pray for families as they adjust to a school schedule. May God grant health and safety to teachers, students, and all those who work in the school systems.
- Lift up the children at Holland Heights School and Holland Middle School who will be receiving Hand2Hand provisions through this school year. Pray that no hungry child is missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Impact Offering. The Deacons have scheduled a loose offering for next week Sunday, September 7, for the Community Impact Fund. The Community Impact Team is focused on ways that Niekerk can assist people near our church, as well as planning outreach events as opportunities to engage and invite people to Niekerk. Plans are in the process for the Fall Pumpkin Party event, and this team needs additional financial resources. Consider financially supporting this event and be in prayer for this team and the surrounding community as they make plans. The Niekerk Deacons.

Julie Mulder will be on vacation next week. Send any information for the bulletin by email.

Indoor walking will not be available this week.

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.

Advance Notice: Little Lambs will begin Sunday, September 7, for all 3-year-old children through preschool.

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 great 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: 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.

Ladies Getaway! November 11, 12 & 13. Come join us for a fun getaway at Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana, Indiana. Do some shopping, work on your favorite craft or see the play "The Christmas Candy Caper" at the Blue Gate Theater. Just come and relax and enjoy some wonderful fellowship and great food! Sign up at the Information Center. For questions, contact Deb Bosch at 616-796-4554. Deadline to sign up is October 5.

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.

Hand2Hand is collecting peanut butter (no larger than 16oz) and no-sugar-added fruit cups (pears, peaches, pineapple, mango, etc.) for September and October. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Help Provide a Meal for Circles this Fall! Each Tuesday night, Heights of Hope's Circles program gathers around a shared meal before diving into an evening of connection, support, and transformation. We serve about 45 people each week, and we're looking for individuals, families, or groups to sign up to provide a meal. Interested in helping out?



Learn more or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/7dyxyju>.

Our Church Assistance Program. Alzheimer's and dementia can overwhelm caregivers and affect every facet of their lives. 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:

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