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**GOD**

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church  
September 13, 2020

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 13, 2020  
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

**\*Nothing But the Blood**

**\*My Victory**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

**\*At the Cross**

Children's Message

Scripture: Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8

Message: **Creation, Prohibition, Deception and Shame**

Prayer of Application

**\*Jesus Messiah**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Grace Greater than Our Sin**

Postlude

Offering: Sidewalk Counselors

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist: Marge Boeve

Pianist: Jen Leep

## **WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES**

**Live Stream.** The morning and evening services will be live at 9:30am and 6:00pm on the website [www.niekerkcrc.org](http://www.niekerkcrc.org) under sermons. The services will also be uploaded immediately following the live stream to watch later in the day.

**Little Lambs** meets during the morning worship service for children age 3 and 4. Lesson—God's Stories Are in the Bible; Leaders—Kim Walters, Lisa Kragt and Dana Hondred

## EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—6:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

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

***\*I Will Follow***

Prayer

HC Q&A 26-28

***\*Draw Me Close***

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Message: **A Time for Everything**

Prayer of Application

***\*Waiting Here for You***

\*God's Blessing

***\*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

Postlude

Offering: Sidewalk Counselors

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Pianist: Jen Leep

### **Nursery Attendants:**

This week: Linda Timmer, Kim Walters & Abby Helder

Next week: Melinda Kryger, Kristen Sybesma & Jenn Schierbeek

**Last week's envelope collections totaled \$8,312.** This amount includes electronic giving.

### **Offering Schedule for September:**

September 13 Sidewalk Counselors

September 20 Benevolent Fund

September 27 Missionaries

## **SUNDAY ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Worship Update.** At the September Council meeting, it was decided to extend the Sunday service schedule with current restrictions through October 4 to allow enough time to assess the impact of reopening schools. The October 5 Council meeting will include reconsideration of the current restrictions. The Executive Committee continues to monitor the situation between Council meetings. It was also decided to return the Bibles and hymnals to the pews. For the protection of vulnerable Niekerk members attending services, Council still requests members to wear masks while moving through the church and while singing. Our morning services have nearly reached the maximum we can handle with social distancing, and the Fellowship Center will be made available as needed.

The Council approved the following schedule to be used for the next four weeks. The schedule for attendance by district is:

### **Schedule**

Districts #2, #4, #6, #8	September 13 Morning Service
All Districts	September 13 Evening Service
Districts #1, #3, #5, #7	September 20 Morning Service
All Districts	September 20 Evening Service
Districts #2, #4, #6, #8	September 27 Morning Service
All Districts	September 27 Evening Service
Districts #1, #3, #5, #7	October 4 Morning Service
All Districts	October 4 Evening Service

### **Elder and Deacon Districts**

#1	A-Bowman	Doug Wedeven / Scott Sybesma
#2	Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk / Kevin Schut
#3	Haan-Janssen	Paul Bulthuis / Joel Kryger
#4	Jones-Leep	John Janssen / Mike Schierbeek
#5	Louwerse-Plaggemars	Ron Dalman / Dean Koopman
#6	Prince - Shoemaker	Greg Leenstra / Bryan Van Dyke
#7	Slenk-Tjarks	Mark Hop / Shane Plaggemars
#8	Tucker-Zeerip	Brad Heeres / Joe Texer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Little Lambs begins today** for all the soon-to-be 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds during the morning worship service.

**Niekerk News Reminder.** It's time again to gather information for the October newsletter. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, September 20**. 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).

**Coffee and Refreshments will be served** after the morning worship service outside, weather permitting.

**Men's golf outing.** *It's the last day to sign up!* Call or text Doug Wedeven today at 616-836-2192 or by email: [djwedeven@fnwusers.com](mailto:djwedeven@fnwusers.com). We will be heading to Kendallville, Indiana, on September 24 and 25. We are playing courses at Cobblestone and Noble Hawk. Lodging will be at the Best Western in Kendallville. Unlimited golf both days. Pricing is \$145 per person; \$127 for age 55 and older. The price includes both golf and lodging.

**Women's Fall Bible Study.** *It's the last week to sign up!* will meet at Niekerk on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-10:45am starting September 22 and ending on November 10. We will be using the book "*Jesus Calling: Experiencing God's Presence*" by Sarah Young (cost \$5) and will meet in the basement All Purpose Room, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Please call or email Char Janssen or Jan Nykamp if you would like to join us.

**Educational Opportunity:** Are you watching the news about racial tensions in our country today and wondering what we as Christians can or should do in response? If so, you're invited to join us for conversation **on Wednesday, September 16, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm**. If the weather is nice, bring a lawn chair, and we will sit outside. If the weather is not great, we will break into small groups inside the church building. Also, see the separate Niekerk Info email sent out last week for information about a study on this topic that will be offered following this first meeting. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Hop, Jen Leep, Mary Jo Staal, or anyone on the Niekerk Executive Committee. We hope to see you there!

**Hand2Hand. Plastic bags are needed!** Hungry for Christ is again partnering with Meijer on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to provide food for our Hand2Hand backpack program through the Simply Give Campaign. Pick up a Simply Give Gift Card and pay for it at the checkout. The money will then be used to purchase items for Hand2Hand. You do not need to bring the physical card to us.

**Adopt a Young Adult:** Thank you so much to those that adopted a young adult last year! If you are planning on sticking with your young adult again this school year, email Caleb to let him know. If you cannot participate this year, let Caleb know so he can find someone else so that all of our Niekerk young adults are "adopted." **We have four recent high school male graduates that need to be adopted this year.** The general idea for adopting a young adult is that you would send them an encouraging card, text or email 1-3 times a semester and maybe grab a meal or coffee with them over Thanksgiving or Christmas break. Please consider blessing and encouraging our Niekerk young adults in this way. If you have questions, would like more information or would like to sign up and adopt a young adult, please talk to, email or call Caleb Nykamp.

**Picture Directory—Pictures Still Needed!** Our goal is to update all of the pictures in the church directory. Here is your chance to add a personal touch to your family picture. Submit a recent picture or take a picture of your family at a favorite spot: at the beach, at the park, in your yard or home. Email or mail or put in the kitchen mail slot a copy of the picture to Julie Mulder at [secretary@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

**Returnable 10¢ cans and bottles for the Youth Group.** You may drop off returnable cans any time by the storage building (garage). The Youth Group will return these when they are able and use the money collected for special outings/events.

**Church Assistance Program.** Perceived discrimination in kids has been linked to physical and mental problems including anxiety, depression, obesity, high blood pressure and substance abuse. Discrimination-related stress can also prevent kids from speaking up in class or from participation in activities. Talking openly with children can prepare them for dealing with discrimination and help them keep discrimination-related stress in check. Our CAP can help you start this important conversation. Call 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 for free, professional and confidential support. Make sure to identify yourself as a CAP client.

**Dates for Your Calendar:**

September 20	Communion
September 27	Communion
September 21	Executive Committee Meeting
September 22	Women's Bible Study
September 24 & 25	Men's Golf Outing
September 29	Women's Bible Study
September 29	Red Cross Blood Drive

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

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