

HABAKKUK



*Trusting God When
You Don't Understand*

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“How long, O Lord,
will I call for help,
and You will
not hear?”

Habakkuk 1:2



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
September 13, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 13, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

***Lord, I Need You**

Words of Assurance

***The Lord Will Provide**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Welcome Members Jack & Jean Hoeksema

Prayer

Offering: Appalachia Reach Out

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Mission Report & Slide Show

***Be Thou My Vision**

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-11 – page 1461

Ecclesiastes 11:4-6 – page 1048

Message: **When We Don't Know Why**

Prayer

***Sovereign**

*God's Blessing

***Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

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 following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

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****What He's Done***

****Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Confession of Faith

****Everlasting God***

Prayer

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****Turn Your Eyes***

*Scripture: Isaiah 53 – page 1147

Message: **Generational Protests**

Prayer

****Forever Reign***

*God's Blessing

****Send Us Out in the Power of the Spirit***

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

Organist: Karen Lucas

*Stand as you are able

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service for children who are age three through preschool. Your child will be released to Little Lambs after the children's message. Lesson: God's Stories are in the Bible; Leaders: Kim Walters & Kayla Texer

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$2,395. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

September 13 Appalachia Reach Out
September 20 Josh and Anna W
September 27 Gateway Missions

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Lisa Kragt & Kayla Texer
 PM: Jenn Schierbeek & Jessica Schutter
Next Week: AM: Abby Helder & Dana Hondred
 PM: Kris Roelofs & Pat Texer

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
	6:30 PM	Elder & Deacon Meeting
	7:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	7:00 PM	Cadets & GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Saturday	3:00 PM	Michael Kelly Blanchard

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Jack Koeman**! He will be 85 years old on Friday. His favorite verse is, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

Pray for the Sunday morning ministry to children called **Little Lambs**. As they begin meeting today, pray God's blessing, asking that each child will grow to know and love the Lord more and more.

Pray for **Barb Shoemaker** as she receives treatment for cancer. Pray for **Jerry Holmes & Stan Brandsen** as they receive physical therapy. Pray for daily strength for **Bill Keen, Cal Scheirbeck** and **Jack Koeman**. Pray for **those you know** who are dealing with chronic illness and pain.

Pray for those you know who can't get out the way they were once able. As the Lord brings someone to mind, pray, and give them a call or jot a note of encouragement.

Pray for the **missions and missionaries** we help to support. This week remember **Aaron & Laurel Green, Mohan & Judy, Laura Helder, James & Sarah** and **Matt & Emily**.

Pray for the **Council, Search Team and staff** in this time of seeking a new pastor. Pray that the Lord will give them strength and discernment each day.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Save the date: The Middle School and High School Kick-off event will be Saturday, September 26. Stay tuned for details and a sign-up coming soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, a new season of **Little Lambs** will begin for all 3-year-olds (or soon to be 3) through Young Fives. Children will be dismissed right after the Children's Message and parents can pick up their children in the basement by the Choir room next to the stairs.

Niekerk News Reminder. It's time again to gather information for the October newsletter. Remember to 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.

Building a Community of Faith: The Stories We Tell. Singer, song writer and storyteller, Michael Kelly Blanchard, along with David Blauw 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!

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.

Travel Coffee Mugs. Due to the rising cost of coffee cups, the issue of leaking covers, and cups being left in the sanctuary, we are asking people to bring their own travel coffee mugs if you want to take coffee into the sanctuary. We will still have cups available at the counter but would encourage you to provide your own mug to help with the above issues. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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

At the Gate is a group Bible study that meets to discuss and apply the passage from the morning sermon. It will begin on Sunday, October 11, from 11:00am to 11:45am in the narthex at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Potluck! On Sunday, October 4, we will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month with a potluck for Pastor John & Maria!

The Worship Committee is pleased to announce "Student Music Assistance" for any student (3rd grade and older) taking music lessons, who would then like to use that musical gift in worship. This is available for vocal or instrumental lessons. We are hoping for some drum, guitar, and organ students who can fill in some of the empty spaces in our current ensembles; but brass, string, and piano students are also invited to apply. Applications are available at the Information Center and should be completed by Sunday, October 4, and placed in Carol Hochhalter's mailbox. Six people will be selected from the applicants each year, with support of \$500 for that year.

Restoring Hope Missions would like to thank all of the support received by Niekerk members who participated in our golf outing this August. We had 82 golfers and over 40-hole sponsors. We were blessed with perfect weather and an incredible outpouring of support. We will raise just over \$20,000 this year that will allow us to carry out future ministry work in the upcoming year! We are truly blessed to provide hope to those in need! *THANK YOU for your continued support of Restoring Hope Missions. Our fourth annual golf outing raised over \$21,000.*

The Fifty-first Bravo Harvest Auction will be held on Saturday, September 26, at Bravo Community Church, 5587 113th Avenue, Fennville (corner of 56th Street and 113th Avenue). The kitchen with Roelofs' Fabulous Foods opens at 6:00pm and the auction begins at 6:30pm. Come and join auctioneers John and Jared and our Bravo friends for good food, fun, and fellowship; and bring home some local area produce, gift certificates, handmade items, baked goods, and various other donated items.

Pine Rest 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 CRC to receive free and confidential support.

Dates for Your Calendar

September 25 Monthly Prayer Gathering
 H2H Packing
October 4 Pastor Appreciation Potluck
December 6 Christmas Caroling

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