

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

As you therefore
have received
Christ Jesus the Lord,
so Walk in Him,
rooted and
built up in Him and
established in the faith,
as you have been taught,
abounding in it with
Thanksgiving.



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
September 20, 2026

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 20, 2026

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

***Come Praise and Glorify**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood Applied**

Children's Message

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Josh & Anna W

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Offertory: *This Little Light of Mine* Brand Ensemble

Special Music: *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* Brand Ensemble

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-8 – page 1830

Message:

Prayer

***In the Beams of the Son**

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

The Brand Ensemble: Tim DenBesten, Ben Pohlman-trumpets; Rose

Wiersma-alto saxophone; Chip Tisch- tenor saxophone; Ivan Brand-bass

*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

Welcome

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

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

****Grace Greater Than My Sin***

Confession of Faith

****The Goodness of Jesus***

Prayer

Offering: Josh and Anna W

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

****Come, Holy Spirit, Hear Us Calling***

*Scripture: John 8:37-47, 58-59 – page 1663

Message: **The Other 'father'**

Prayer

****A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

*God's Blessing

****God Is For Us***

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

*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: We Can Talk to God; Leaders: Lisa Kragt & Abby Helder

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

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$7,280. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

September 20 Josh and Anna W
September 27 Gateway Missions

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Abby Helder & Dana Hondred
PM: Kris Roelofs & Pat Texer

Next Week: AM: Margaret Timmer & Lindsey Haan
PM: Dawn Folkert & Melinda Kryger

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	Administrative Meeting
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Prayer Gathering
	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Carolyn Rietman**! She will be 84 years old on Saturday. Her favorite verse is, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Give thanks for the evidence of God's care and provision: Family & friends, home & shelter, food & drink, soil & rain, along with every good and perfect gift. Ask that you, along with your brothers and sisters in Christ, will grow in the awareness of God's good blessings.

Pray for renewed and daily strength for **Bill Keen** and **Cal Schierbeck**. Pray for **Barb Shoemaker** as she receives cancer treatment. Pray for **Jerry Holmes**, **Stan Brandsen** (*C-02 at Appledorn South*) and **Therese DeVries** (*Mary Free Bed*) as they receive physical therapy. Pray for **Jack Koeman** and **Gary Morren** who struggle with breathing issues. 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. Remember **Jim & Lorraine Snay**. (Lorraine moved last weekend to memory care at Quincy Place #28). Pray as well for **Duane & Gay Tucker, Donna Grotenhuis, Bud Bos, Judy Bosch, Shirley Bosch, Nick Ellerbroek, Marge Boeve, Ida Janssen and Jerene Janssen and Mark Timmer,**.

Pray for the **missions and missionaries** we help to support. This week remember **Mohan & Judy Chacko** as Mohan is at the Presbyterian Seminary in India for three weeks of ministry and meetings. Pray for **Josh & Anna** as they faithfully serve Jesus where they have been sent, and **Laura Helder** serving the Lord with Eagle's Nest orphanage in Guatemala.

Pray that the Lord will give the **Pastoral Search Team** continued strength and discernment in this time of seeking. Pray for the **Administrative Team** as they meet tomorrow evening. Pray also for the **Community Impact Team** as they plan for the **Pumpkin Party** on October 22. Pray that we as a congregation will be equipped and ready to welcome each visitor that day with a clear witness of the welcoming love of Jesus.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School and High school Youth Group Kick-off Event: On Saturday, September 26, from 5:30pm - 8pm, we will meet at the youth building for a night of food, fun and games to kick off the year ahead. Come on out and bring your friends. Pizza is provided. Sign up at the Information Center.

High School Youth Group: We will be starting our Sunday night meetings on Sunday, October 4. Looking forward to seeing you there! Friends are always welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline. 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.

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

Great Pumpkin Party, October 22! The signup sheet is at the Information Center! Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success and to show the community the hospitality of Niekerk.

Prayer Partner Fellowship. Next week Sunday, September 27, there will be a Prayer Partner Fellowship after morning service in the Fellowship Center. This gives opportunity for current prayer partners to check in with their child/student. Plan to meet at the tables at the north end of the room. Cookies will be provided.

Potluck! On Sunday, October 4, we will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month with a potluck for Pastor John & Maria! Sign up at the Information Center.

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.

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.

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 this 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

October 4 Pastor Appreciation Potluck
December 6 Christmas Caroling

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