



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
September 21, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***We Will Extol You, God and King**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: The Health Pantry

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

Offertory: *The Old Rugged Cross* – the Brand Ensemble

***Holy Spirit**

Scripture: John 4:1-19 – page 1652

Message: **The First Missionary Journey**

Prayer of Application

***O God, Would You Move**

*God's Blessing

***Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**

Postlude

Pastor Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Jen Leep

Tim Den Besten and Ben Pohlman - trumpets

Dale Day and Rose Wiersma - saxophones

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 immediately following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

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***King of My Heart**

***Lord, You Have My Heart**

Confession of Faith

Prayer

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***Break Now the Bread of Life**

Scripture: Ephesians 5:25-27 – page 1820

Message: **Pictures of the Church**

Prayer

***O Church, Arise**

*God's Blessing

***Jesus, With Your Church Abide**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Jen Leep

*Stand as you are able

Remember to pass the Fellowship Registers.

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

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service downstairs in the choir room for children who are age three through preschool. Your child will be released to Little Lambs after the children's message. Lesson: God Gave Us a Home and Family; Leaders: Lori & Reagan Boeve & Emma Texer

Last week’s envelope collection totaled \$5,565. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

September 21 Health Pantry
September 28 InterVarsity – Missionary Aaron Green

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Laura Vander Zwaag & Lindsey Haan
 PM: Abby Helder & Char Janssen
Next Week: AM: Margaret Timmer & Sue Hoekstra
 PM: Trisha Texer & Lisa Kragt

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

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| Today | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship Service |
| | 10:45 AM | Coffee Fellowship |
| | 5:00 PM | Evening Worship Service |
| Monday | 9:00 AM | Indoor Walking |
| Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Women’s Bible Study |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM | Indoor Walking |
| | 9:30 PM | Men’s Bible Study |
| | 6:30 PM | Prayer Ministry Team |
| Friday | 7:00 AM | Monthly Prayer Meeting |
| | 9:00 AM | Hand2Hand Packing |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Carolyn Rietman!** She will be 83 years old on Friday. Her favorite verse is, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3

Pray for **Nancy and Jim Means** and their family as Nancy's youngest sister, Carla, passed away following a six-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Pray for God's comfort for Jim and Nancy, Carla's husband, Kevin, and their two daughters.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for revival in the church around the world, particularly for revivals on many college campuses. Pray for spiritual leaders, that they would be grounded in scripture and wise in speech.
- Give thanks for God's generous provision for us, asking that God would reveal to us how and where to share His blessings.

- Pray for students, teachers and administrators at Holland Heights School. Ask for a good learning and working environment.
- Remember those who are lonely, pray for the comfort and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline Today. 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.

Prayer Partner Social Today! This will be an opportunity to meet your prayer partner (and his/her parents for the younger children), exchange contact information, and share prayer requests. Please plan to join us at the north end of the gym. Thank you to everyone who is willing to serve as a prayer partner for our youth and children this year.

Offering Today. The Niekerk Health Pantry provides care packages for BMFL on a regular basis as needed. We also provide personal care items for Eastside Food Pantry. The needs of our community are great, so please give generously.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7) This Friday at 7:00am the monthly **Prayer Meeting** in the Fellowship Center will be held. You are invited to join in this time of praying for the needs of our church and for God's work in the world.

Retires Dinner. The Deacons and their spouses invite you to join them on Thursday, October 2, for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at the Trestle Stop Restaurant in Hamilton. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. RSVP by signing up on the sheet at the Information Center. If transportation is needed, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet and this will be arranged.

Great Pumpkin Party, October 16! The sign-up 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.

Thank You! from Laura Helder. Niekerk family, thank you for welcoming me with open arms last week. Your intentionality and support in my life mean more than you know. If you missed my update, be on the lookout in the October newsletter or reach out and we can sit down and catch up! Also, a reminder that at the Information Center is a form to sign up for updates, long-term support information, and/or meet and chat. Much love, Laura

Retiring Calling Elder. Jake and Jan Boeve will be stepping aside from the position of Calling Elder at the end of September. We want to thank them for over eight years of service and pray for God's blessing on them as they spend more time together and with their family. Over the next weeks, the Council will be praying and discussing plans for this vacancy. In the meantime, if there are any needs or concerns, please contact your Shepherding Elder or Deacon in your district. Names and phone numbers can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Artificial Flowers Needed to decorate the pumpkins at The Great Pumpkin Party. They do not need to be fall flowers, but any season is fine. Please bring the flowers to the library.

The 50th Bravo Harvest Auction will be held this Saturday, September 27, at Bravo Community Church on 5587 113th Avenue, Fennville, MI (corner of 56th Street and 113th Avenue). The kitchen with Roelofs' Fine Foods opens at 6:00pm and the auction begins at 6:30pm. Come and join Auctioneer John Petroelje and our Bravo friends for food, fun, and fellowship and bring home some local area produce, gift certificates, handmade items, baked goods, and various other donated items.

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. 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 Bible Study. 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 Jan Nykamp 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/7dyxtyju>.

Our Church Assistance Program. Both children and adults can be at the receiving end of bullying, and the effects can be devastating. If you or your child is experiencing intimidation, harassment, hostility, insults, or shaming at school or work, reach out to our CAP for compassionate guidance and support. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

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| Alofs-Folkert | Gary Meiste | 616-218-4288 |
| | John Timmer | 616-836-0405 |
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| | Matt Maas | 616-422-6981 |
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| | Dale Walters | 616-422-3105 |

Ministry Priorities:

- *Encountering God in worship
- *Nurturing full devotion to Christ
- *Loving and caring for everyone
- *Reaching out in service and witness

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NIEKERK-LISTEN: listen545

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

*****Go to www.niekerkcrc.org under “sermons” menu*****