



I will lift up my eyes to the hills.
Where does my help come from?

MY HELP COMES FROM the LORD

WHO MADE HEAVEN & EARTH

PSALM 121:1-2

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Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
September 28, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

***Blessed Be Your Name**

***Be Unto Your Name**

***Amazing Grace**

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

God's Will for Our Lives

Offering: InterVarsity—Aaron Green

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

***O Word of God Incarnate**

Scripture: Psalm 121 – page 965

Message: **Creator, Sustainer, Refresher**

Prayer of Application

***He Will Keep You**

*God's Blessing

***God Is For Us**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

*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

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*** God Is Here, As We Your People**

*** I Love Your Church, O Lord**

Confession of Faith

Prayer

Offering: Intersivity—Aaron Green

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***Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth**

Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13 – page 1916

Message: **The Chosen Church**

Prayer

***Hymn of Heaven**

*God's Blessing

***Abide With Me**

Postlude

Pastor Duane Terpstra

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*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: Creation; Leaders: Jana & Cora Righerink

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$6,945. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

September 28	InterVarsity – Missionary Aaron Green
October 5	Samaritans Purse
October 12	Forgotten Man Ministries
October 19	Heights of Hope
October 26	World Renew

Nursery Attendants:

<u>This Week:</u>	AM: Margaret Timmer & Sue Hoekstra
	PM: Trisha Texer & Lisa Kragt
<u>Next Week:</u>	AM: Carol Venema & Pat Texer
	PM: Dawn Folkert & Linda Timmer

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 AM	At the Gate
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	6:15 PM	Nursery & Crafts
	6:15 PM	GEMS & Cadets
	6:30 PM	Kids Club
	6:40 PM	Dr Jeff Weima
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Pam and Jerry Holmes**. Pam began receiving hospice care this week. Pray that they will be aware of the Lord's strength and peace in this time. Pray for Pam's mom, Donna, and the rest of their family as well.

Karen Lucas is having outpatient shoulder surgery on Tuesday.

Happy Birthday to **Earl Plaggemars!** He will be 80 years old on Thursday. His favorite verse is, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Continue to pray for **Cal Schierbeek, Jerry & Elaine Brower, Bill Keen**, and others you know who stand in need of healing and renewed strength.

Pray for the Pastoral Search Team. Thank the Lord for their openness to the Holy Spirit's leading and pray that they would be encouraged in their work of seeking out our next pastor.

Pray with gratitude for the work and ministry **Jake and Jan Boeve** have shared with us over the past eight years. Give thanks for each visit made, the words of encouragement given, every Bible passage shared, and each prayer offered.

Pray for our missionaries. This week, pray for Mohan and Judy Chacko (*Presbyterian Theological Seminary, India*), Aaron and Laurel Green (*IVCF Michigan Tech*), and Matt and Emily Slack (*Resonate, London, England*). Remember Laura Helder as well as she travels in the coming months and prayerfully considers what God may be calling her to next.

Prayerfully consider who you will invite to the Great Pumpkin Party on October 16th. It may be neighbors, friends, co-workers or extended family members. Pray that each one who comes will know something of the love of Jesus.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the administrative challenges of a new data system for Hand2Hand. Ask that each child will get the food they have requested.
- Give thanks for the beauty of the seasons, and God's provision in every season.
- Lift up college students to God, asking that He will provide strength, health, and Christian fellowship.
- Pray for those battling mental illness, whether depression, anxiety, or any other sort. Pray for wisdom for doctors who treat these brothers and sisters.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

High School Youth Group: We are looking forward to our youth group nights starting next week Sunday, October 5, after the evening service from 6:10-7:45pm. We will be eating dinner together and talking about the year ahead. Feel free to take your friends. We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retirees' Dinner. *It's the last day to sign up!* 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.

Cake and Refreshments for Jake and Jan Boeve Today! Today we honor Jake and Jan Boeve and show our appreciation for the great job they did in taking care of "us" as Calling Elder with cake and refreshments in the Fellowship Center.

Calling Elder Retiring. 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.

Julie Mulder will not be in the office until Thursday. She will be taking a ride with Bob in his new truck. Send any information for the bulletin by email.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!! Pick up shoeboxes in the narthex beginning next Sunday. New item **not** allowed in the boxes is **soap**. Thank you, Niekerk Council, for approving the \$10 cost of shipping these shoeboxes around the world! Please return your filled shoebox by October 26.

Holiday Choir is coming to Niekerk for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Rehearsals will begin in November following the morning worship service. Plan now to join us!

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.

Great Pumpkin Party, October 16! 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.

Kids Dessert Bake-off Contest! New to the Great Pumpkin Party is a kid's dessert bake-off! Start thinking of your favorite fall dessert and maybe have Mom or Dad help you with it. We would love to see lots of entries from all of you.

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 Bible Study 2025. Women's Bible Study 2025 will meet this week Tuesday, September 30, in the Fellowship Center from 9:30am to 10:45am. Please come prepared to discuss Lesson 2.

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.*

Join Right to Life of Holland Area at the National Life Chain on Sunday, October 5, from 2-3pm on River Avenue between 10th and 12th Streets. Life Chain is a pro-life, peaceful, prayerful, public witness on behalf of the unborn at risk of elective abortion. Signs to hold during the prayer vigil will be provided. This is a prayer vigil, so we do ask for those who attend to be fairly silent or to speak quietly. Please no signs that say "honk" to support.

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>.



Pine Rest Church Assistance Program. ADHD affects adults too! It manifests in adults as impulsiveness, restlessness, lack of concentration, racing thoughts, and short attention spans. Adults with ADHD can be highly successful with the right treatment and support. If these symptoms continually disrupt your life, you CAP can help. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

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