



**GOD
DOES NOT
WORK THE
WAY YOU
THINK**

2KINGS 5:1 – 15

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
Growing in Christ & Making Him Known
September 7, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 7, 2025
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Baptism Paul Daniel Tase

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

****Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace***

****Lay Me Down***

Children's Message

Baptism

****Family of God***

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Community Impact Fund

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS~

****We Long to See You***

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-15 – page 572

Message: **Telling God How to Fix Our Problems**

Prayer of Application

****We Are Called to Be God's People***

*God's Blessing

****You Are the Vine***

Postlude

Rev. Dr. Paul Mpindi

Pianist: Carol Hcohalter

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 immediately following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

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***At the Name of Jesus**

***No Other Name**

Confession of Faith

The Goodness of Jesus

Prayer

Offering: Community Impact Fund

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***Knowing You**

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46 – page 1523

Philippians 3:7-9 – page 1826

Message: **The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Jesus**

Prayer

***I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend**

*God's Blessing

***Under His Wings**

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Carol Hochhalter

Organist: Karen Lucas

*Stand as you are able

Little Lambs begins today! 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 song *Family of God*. Pick up your children after church in our room downstairs. Lesson: God's Stories are in the Bible; Leaders: Kim Walters and Kayla Texer

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$1,895. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

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| September 7 | Community Impact Fund |
| September 14 | Niekerk Christian Education Fund |
| September 21 | Health Pantry |
| September 28 | InterVarsity – Missionary Aaron Green |

Nursery Attendants:

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| <u>This Week:</u> | AM: Dana Hondred & Sara Heeres |
| | PM: Kaylin Van Dyke & Jenn Schierbeek |
| <u>Next Week:</u> | AM: Jessica Schutter & Deb Slenk |
| | PM: Kris Roelofs & Sandy Van Dyke |

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 |
| | 6:30 PM | Elder & Deacon Meeting |
| | 7:30 PM | Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | 11:00 AM | Senior Singles |
| | 1:00 PM | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM | Indoor Walking |
| | 9:30 PM | Men's Bible Study |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for **Bill Keen** as he receives another round of treatment this month. Pray that it will be effective.

Pray for **Elaine Brower** as she awaits an aortic valve replacement.

Continue to pray for **Pam Holmes**, **Cal Schierbeek**, and **Tom Pettinga**. Pray for their healing and renewed strength.

Pray for those who serve on the **Pastoral Search Team**. Ask the Lord to bless them with perseverance and patience as He leads them in the process of seeking out our next pastor.

Pray for **Judy Stoen**, **Nancy Windemuller**, **Jerry Brower** and **Betty Matthews** as they receive physical therapy.

Give thanks for the life of **Paul Tase**, praying that God would bless the Tase family through the years, and that Paul would come to confess his own faith in Jesus.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray, as Niekerk's fall ministry schedule begins. Give thanks for willing leaders, teachers and helpers. Pray that they along with each student will be encouraged in their walk with Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom and unity of heart and mind for our elders and deacons as the Council meets on Monday evening.
- Listen for God's promptings for your own life and look for opportunities to encourage others with the goodness of Jesus.
- Pray that God would use Niekerk Church as a beacon of hope to our neighbors. Ask for opportunities to share what God is doing here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Impact Offering. The Deacons have scheduled a loose offering today for the Community Impact Fund. The Community Impact Team is focused on ways that Niekerk can assist people near our church, as well as planning outreach events as opportunities to engage and invite people to Niekerk. Plans are in the process for the Fall Pumpkin Party event, and this team needs additional financial resources. Consider financially supporting this event and be in prayer for this team and the surrounding community as they make plans. The Niekerk Deacons.

Men's Fall Golf Outing (*It's the last day to sign up!*) is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 25-26, at Manistee National. More details can be found on the sign-up sheet.

Prayer Partners: We are in need of more prayer partners to help cover our children in prayer. If you are willing to pray for one of our children for the next couple of years, please sign up at the Information Center. We would love to have every child covered. Thank you for your partnership in this!

Laura Helder Update. Next week Sunday, September 14, after the morning service Laura Helder will be giving an update on her recent YWAM training and time spent in Japan. We invite the congregation to stay after the service to hear about this experience and where God is leading in her life and where she may be called to serve next.

The Men's Bible Study begins this week Thursday, September 11, at 9:30am. This fall, we will be studying the book of James. Each week, we will consider together what faith in action looks like and

seek to encourage each other in our walk with God. If you have any questions? Check with Pastor John.

Bible Story Tellers Needed. Sunday school is looking for volunteers willing to be put in a rotation to read/lead the large group Bible story lesson before they break off into their classrooms. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please reach out to Kaylin Van Dyke or Trisha Texer and feel free to ask us any questions. Thank You!

Save the Date! Pencil in Thursday, October 16, for The Great Pumpkin Party! This is a great time to spend interacting with our neighbors. Consider how you can help with the night (we need 60 volunteers) and have great fun doing so.

Save the Date! The 50th Bravo Harvest Auction will be held on Saturday, September 27. More details are coming soon.

Cadet Season 2025-2026 will start soon, so we are inviting any boys entering the 3rd grade this year to join our Wednesday night activities. If your son(s) is/are interested, or you need more information, please contact Jim Means by email: jjmeans@charter.net or by calling 616-240-5944.

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 or see the play "The Christmas Candy Caper" at the Blue Gate Theater. 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 Fall Bible Study 2025. 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/7dyxytju>.



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.

Dates for Your Calendar

- September 17 Wednesday Night at Niekerk
- September 25 Monthly Prayer Meeting
- Men's Golf Outing

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

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| Alofs-Folkert | Gary Meiste | 616-218-4288 |
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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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