

**NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH**

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

November 25, 2018

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Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King**

***Unchanging**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Offering: Niekerk General Fund

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTER~

Prayer

***With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring** – Gray Hymnal 183:1,3,4

Children's Message

Scripture: **Genesis 27:1-40** – page 40

Message: **"God's Blessing Will Prevail"**

Prayer of Application

***Overcome**

*God's Blessing

***We Receive Your Blessing**

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Pastor Darren Kornelis

Worship Leader: Pastor Jason Pierce

Pianist – Jen Leep

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for the Niekerk General Fund. Next week's offering is for the Niekerk Christian Education Fund. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$12,136. Our weekly budget requirement is \$12,456.

Little Lambs: "Daniel" —Rachel, Laura & Andrew Helder

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude

*Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***Come, You Thankful People Come** – Gray Hymnal 527:1,2,4

***How Can I Keep from Singing**

Assurance and Pardon

Offering: Niekerk General Fund

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Prayer

***Count Your Blessings**

Scripture: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - page 1838

Message: **“In Everything Give Thanks”**

Prayer of Application

***We Praise You, O God** – Gray Hymnal 237

*God's Blessing

***10,000 Reasons**

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Pastor Steve Vander Molen

Worship Leader: Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Jen Leep

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

AM Laura Bosch, Kathie Helder, Bethany Van Houten,
Kaylin Van Dyke

PM Dawn Folkert & Carol Keen

Next Week:

AM Annalise Timmer, Carol Venema, Shane & Rachel
Plaggemars

PM Jan Hop & Marcy Brower

Thank you to Jan Bosch for bring special music to our friends at Bravo Church today. Also, thank you to Nancy Roelofs for accompanying her and playing for the service.

No Catechism or Sunday School today.

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	9:00 AM	Craft Day
	6:30 PM	Healthy Church Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Wednesday Family Night
	6:30 PM	Awakening
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
	9:00 AM	Moms with Tots

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Awakening! We will be meeting in En Gedi following the WFN meal. This week Pastor Darren will be bringing the message based on Revelations 3:14-22; take a few minutes this week to check it out before you come. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Party! We will be having our Youth Group Christmas party following the WFN meal on December 12. Check out the information sheet in your mailbox. You won't want to miss this night!

Mission Trip. We are excited to announce our summer mission trip to Guatemala City, Guatemala, with Global Faith Network. Please see your information sheet in your mailboxes and prayerfully consider your attendance of this trip. The sign-up deadline is December 9.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to **Juliet Brower** and **Jerry and Elaine Brower** and family as Juliet's sister and Jerry's aunt, Joyce Wolters, passed away Tuesday morning. The funeral was Saturday.

Congratulations! To **Jim and Dana Hondred** in the birth of a baby boy, **Tucker Avery**, on Sunday, November 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not meet this week.

Christmas Cards Needed: The congregation is encouraged to prepare cards for our home members again this holiday season. The cards may be put in the Christmas card box in the narthex. They will be collected until Sunday, December 16, and the cards will be delivered on Monday, December 17. Home members are: Bea Boeve, Margaret Bowman, Juliet Brower, Dort Deters, Alice Ellerbroek, Shirley Lubbers, Dorene Terpstra and Jan Van Haitsma.

Bakers Needed: If anyone would like to bake muffins to accompany the soups for the shared meals, please contact Rachel Helder at 1-269-751-4805.

Christmas Special Music. Sign up at the Information Center if you have a music piece or song you would like to play or sing during this Christmas season. This is open to all ages. Kristi Driscoll will contact those who sign up and incorporate them into our worship services. Sign-up deadline will be Sunday, December 9.

The GEMS Meat Fundraiser. The GEMS are doing the Meat Fundraiser again this year. A portion of the proceeds will go to fund the new lighting in the basement fellowship room, which is already installed, and the difference is amazing! Thank you for your continued support of the GEMS program at Niekerk. Orders are due by Sunday, December 2, with pickup at the Congregation Meeting on Monday, December 10, from 6:30 until after the meeting.

Valet Parking. Niekerk is going to be offering valet parking again this winter. The Deacons are looking for volunteers for possibly one Sunday a month to park cars and assist members into church. If you feel this in an area you could serve in, please contact Todd Sneller at 616-218-2074.

Drivers Needed. Are you willing to take a turn driving a fellow member to church when the weather starts getting bad? If so, contact Todd Sneller at 616-218-2074 and we will put you on the schedule.

Rides to Church. When the weather starts getting snowy and icy, the Deacons want to offer rides to church for anyone who may not feel comfortable driving in those conditions. Please put your name on the sheet at the Information Center if you would like to request a ride.

Heights of Hope Christmas Store! Tags with suggested gift items are available at the Information Center! Heights of Hope believes in keeping dignity in our Christmas program. We do this by having families volunteer in the community to earn credits to shop in the Christmas Store! Please return new gift items by **Sunday, December 2, with the receipt.**

Holland Heights Listening Tour. Being a good neighbor starts with listening well. Heights of Hope is taking a step back to get a pulse on our ever-transient neighborhood to see where God is at work and how we can come alongside that. Would you like to be part of our Listening Tour? We'll go out in pairs (one converser and one note taker) to have our neighbors fill out surveys to share about their experiences and hopes and dreams for our community. Join us for one of these sessions. Each session will start with training to equip you and end with pizza and time to share stories. **BE BOLD!** Sign up for a session by emailing laurajminkus@gmail.com. Thursday, 11/29, 9:30-12:30pm; Saturday, 12/1, 2-5pm and Monday, 12/3, 5-8pm.

Hand2Hand. We are collecting 15oz canned pasta and no-sugar-added fruit cups for the month of November. December's collection is 3oz ramen noodle packs and individual non-refrigerated pudding cups (vanilla or chocolate preferred). We will take big multipacks of ramen noodles that contain the 3oz size individual noodle packs if someone would like to purchase a larger amount. You can find these at Sam's Club, Meijer and Walmart.

Nursery Volunteers are needed for Christmas Day. If you are able to help, please call Melanie Russcher at 1-616-848-9345 or by email at naturegirly22@gmail.com.

Pop Cans! The Youth Group is still collecting pop cans! Please help them by bringing in your rinsed cans.

Celebrate Life Annual Holiday Auction will be held on Thursday, November 29, from 4pm to 8pm with dinner served at 5:30pm.

Church Assistance Program. Are you feeling sad and not-so-wonderful this time of year? If holidays tend to bring on family conflict, you've recently lost a loved one or ended a relationship, then you might end up struggling with depression this season. Reach out to your CAP to drive away the holiday blues. Call 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 for free and confidential support.

You're Invited to a Living Threads Ministry Open House Gift Boutique and Bake Sale. On Tuesday, November 27, at City on a Hill from 10:30am to 1:30pm and 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Handcrafted items, homemade treats, baked goods, samples, Gammill quilting machine and learn about Kibera.

Escape Ministries invites the local church to an OPEN HOUSE to see and interact with the special work God is doing through education, jobs, and fitness with our community's youth in tough situations. This is neat opportunity for the Church to meet and engage with our friends on the margins of Holland. See you there! Friday, November 30, from 5-7pm at Escape Ministries, 202 E 32nd Street in Holland.

Elder and Deacon Districts:

A-Bowman	Daryl Van Dyke	Scott Sybesma
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Jerry Zeerip	John Timmer
Haan-Janssen	Tim Leep	Joel Kryger
Jones-Leep	John Janssen	Mike Schierbeek
Louwerse-Plaggemars	Rog Sneller	Ryan Texer
Prince - Shoemaker	Steve Slenk	Scott Van Dyke
Slenk-Tjarks	Cal Schierbeek	Zeb Driscoll
Tucker-Zeerip	Carl Helder	Todd Sneller

Dates for Your Calendar:

December 2	Sunday Evening Bible Study
December 3	Elder & Deacon Meetings Council Meeting Cadets & GEMS Moms with Tots
December 4	Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study
December 10	Congregational Meeting
December 11	Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Moms with Tots
December 12	Wednesday Family Night Youth Group Christmas Party
December 17	Cadets & GEMS
December 20	Moms with Tots
December 25	Christmas Day Service
December 28	Moms with Tots

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