

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 11, 2018

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

## Fourth Sunday of Lent GEMS Sunday

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

\*The Lord's Greeting

\*Mutual Greetings

**\*Awesome Is the Lord Most High**

**\*We Will Remember**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

GEMS litany

Special Music – GEMS

*Step by Step*

*I want to Do My Best for Jesus*

*Take My Life*

*Make Me a Servant*

Offering: GEMS International

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTER~

Children's Message

Prayer

Scripture: **Luke 8:4-15** – page 1607

Message: **“Green Light at Niekerk—A Focusing Heart”**

Prayer of Application

**\*Be Thou My Vision**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Sanctuary**

\*Postlude

\* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Jen Leep

# Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude: *Concerto (Corelli)*

\*Welcome to Worship

\*The Lord's Greeting

**\*Revelation Song**

**\*How Great Is Our God**

Offering: GEMS International

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Offertory: *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* (G.F. Handel)

Prayer

**\*How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

Scripture: **Luke 8:4-15** – page 1607

Message: **"Green Light at Niekerk—A Serving Heart"**

Prayer of Application

**\*Speak O Lord**

\*God's Blessing

**\*My Jesus I Love Thee** – Gray Hymnal 557

\*Postlude: *Concerto (Corelli)*

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Holland Christian Chamber Strings

## **WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES**

**Today**, we welcome Pastor Ren Broekhuizen to the pulpit, and thank you to the GEMS for participating in our morning service. Also, a thank you to the Holland Christian Chamber Strings for joining us during our evening service.

**Upcoming schedule of pastors are:**

March 18 Sem. Ross Hoekstra

March 25 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

March 30 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Good Friday

April 1 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Resurrection Sunday

**Little Lambs:** “Zaccheus”—Nicole, Reagen & Rowan Schut

**Deacons’ Offering Report:** Loose money in today’s offering is for GEMS International. Next week’s offering is for Building Men for Life. Last week’s envelope collections totaled \$8,455. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness!

**Nursery Attendants:** THANK YOU!

**Today:**

AM Tami Sneller, Elizabeth Timmer, Shane & Rachel Plaggemars

PM Melinda Kryger & Deb Schierbeek

**Next Week:**

AM Linda Timmer, Kris Bulthuis, Jim & Dana Hondred

PM Melanie Russcher & Trisha Texer

**Catechism:** The 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes will meet in En Gedi. **Sunday School** meets in the All Purpose Room.

**THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Monday	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Wednesday Family Night
	6:30 PM	Awakening
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

**COUNCIL NOTES**

Meeting Monday March 5, 2018

- Pastor John Douma’s letter of resignation from Niekerk CRC was accepted by Council on February 23, 2018.
- Holland Classis representatives Pastor John Hutt and Pastor Gerrit Haagsma discussed church order procedures pertaining to the dismissal of Pastor John Douma.
- A special Executive session of Holland Classis was called on Tuesday, March 6, to discuss the dismissal of Pastor John Douma from Niekerk CRC. Pastor John Douma and several Elders were in attendance.
- Due to significant social action member turnover, council has decided to put the committee on hold.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER AND DEACON**

*It's the last day to submit your ballots!* The following people have been nominated by Council for the office of Elder and Deacon for three year terms beginning in April 16, 2018. For Elder: Brad Heeres, John Janssen, Eric Louwerse, Fred Winkle, Tim Leep, and Bob Steenwyk. For Deacon: Jim Hondred, Scott Sybesma, Peter Elzinga, Joel Kryger, Dean Koopman, and Mike Schierbeek.

The following are those who will be retiring from office. Elder: Ed Helder, Tom Texer and Larry Van Dyke. Deacon: Curt Brower, Mike Venema and Tim Russcher.

Ballots for confirming the nominees will be placed in the mailboxes of all professing Niekerk members. The Council is hoping that you can confirm all nominees, unless you feel otherwise. Deposit your ballot in the box at the Information Center. All those receiving a majority confirmation will have their names submitted for drawing of lots. Three names for elder and three names for deacon will be drawn.

Please submit your ballots **TODAY**. Names will be drawn on Sunday morning of March 18, 2018.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Our Christian sympathies are extended to **Marge Boeve** and the family, and to **Jake and Jan Boeve**, and **Ron and Joyce Dalman** in the passing of their husband, father, brother and grandpa, **Ed Boeve**. The funeral was Tuesday at Niekerk.

**Jan Bosch** had knee replacement surgery this past Thursday.

Happy Birthday to **Dort Deters!** She will be 87 years old on Saturday. Her favorite verse is, "The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." Psalm 118:14

Our Christian sympathies are extend to **Ray Schrotenboer** in the passing of his brother, Austin Schrotenboer. The funeral was Tuesday at Graafschap CRC.

We express our Christian sympathy to **John and Margaret Timmer**, and their children **Megan and Joseph Timmer** in the passing of John's father, John Timmer. The funeral was Monday at Drenthe CRC.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Awakening.** We will have an awakening meeting this Wednesday, March 14, following the WFN meal. We hope to see you all there!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Niekerk News Reminder.** It's that time again to gather information for the April newsletter. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next Sunday, March 18. The Niekerk News mailboxes are located in the bottom right hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to [secretary@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org). Thank you!

**Thank you** to everyone who came out last night to the Youth Group's Theme Dinner to support the youth on their trip to Boston. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our church family!

**Church Mailbox Changes.** Next week the church mailboxes will be rearranged. If there are any young adults that would like their own mailbox or any other changes, let Julie Mulder know by leaving a note on her desk or by email at [secretary@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

**Ladies All Night Crafting** will be held Friday, March 23, starting at 4:00pm and ending Saturday, March 24, at 4:00pm in En Gedi! Sign-up today at the Information Center.

**Library/Quiet Room is now open!** With two rocking chairs and TV showing the service, it is a great place to go if you have to step out of the service with a crying or nursing child.

**Flowers for Resurrection Sunday.** A sign-up sheet for ordering flowers is at the Information Center. *Please have your request in by Sunday, March 18.* This year lilies and tulips will be the available choices. Each plant will cost \$7.25. Sign your name, flower choice and the name of the person of whom it is in memory. Please mark the box on the sheet indicating payment. There will be a box next to the sign-up sheet until Resurrection Sunday for payment. Please put your payment in an envelope with your name on it. The flowers may be taken home after the evening service of Resurrection Sunday. We plan on having the Lily Cross again this year. Thank you!

**The Worship Committee** is looking for volunteers who would be willing to do a children's message during the morning worship service. Email, text or call Kristi Driscoll at 616-212-3031 or [worshipleader@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:worshipleader@niekerkcrc.org).

**Men's Lenten Breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 31. A sign-up sheet is at the Information Center.

**Help Build a Home in West Virginia!** Jimmy, who has serious health problems, has been living in a camper since his home was demolished by a flood in 2016. Volunteers from churches of Holland-Zeeland, in collaboration with World Renew Disaster Response Services and their partner in West Virginia, have committed to building a new home for Jimmy. More volunteers, whether skilled or not-yet-skilled are needed for a week or more between April 21 and May 11. For more information, or to sign up, contact Dale Compagner, [icomp1949@gmail.com](mailto:icomp1949@gmail.com), or 616-893-5750.

**Russ' Restaurant Fundraiser** will be for Right to Life of Holland on Monday, March 19, from 5pm-close at Russ' Eastown ONLY. Download a coupon at [www.rtlofholland.org](http://www.rtlofholland.org) or pick up a coupon from the bulletin board near the Information Center.

**Church Assistance Program.** Watching and caring for a family member going through cancer is difficult. We may feel powerless, filled with fear or grief, and being a family caregiver increases your risk for depression and anxiety. Get the support you need so you can be there for your loved one. Free and confidential help is available by calling our CAP at 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809.

**Elder and Deacon Districts:**

A-Bosch	Daryl Van Dyke	Curt Brower
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Jerry Zeerip	John Timmer
Haan-Janssen	Tom Texer	Tim Russcher
Jones-Leep	Ed Helder	Mike Venema
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:**

March 26	April Council Meeting
March 28	YG Open Gym
March 30	Good Friday Service
March 31	Men's Lenten Breakfast
April 1	Resurrection Sunday
April 29	Church Potluck
June 2	Sporting Clays

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