

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



*The Parable of the
Fig Tree*

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Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***Praise to the Lord the Almighty** – Gray Hymnal 253

***My Victory**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Offering: Building Men for Life

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTER~

Children's Message

Prayer

***Just As I Am** – Gray Hymnal 263:1,2,4

Scripture: **Luke 13:6-9** – page 1621

Message: "**Give It Time**"

Prayer of Application

***The Power of the Cross**

*God's Blessing

***The Wonderful Cross**

Selection of Elders and Deacons

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Sem. Ross Hoekstra

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Kristi Driscoll

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Selection of New Elders and Deacons will take place. Three Elders and three Deacons will be selected from the names nominated by Council and approved by the congregation.

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude:

*Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

***Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty** – Gray Hymnal 249:1,3,4

***Holy Is the Lord**

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Prayer

***I Will Follow**

Scripture: **2 Kings 6:8-23** – page 575

Message: **“Killing with Kindness”**

Prayer of Application

***By Faith**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior** – Gray Hymnal 291

*Postlude:

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Sem. Ross Hoekstra

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Kristi Driscoll

Next week, is Palm Sunday. We look forward to the Junior Choir and Sunday School's participation in the morning worship. The evening service will also include a Preparatory for the Lord's Supper at the Good Friday service.

Upcoming Schedule of Pastors:

March 25 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Palm Sunday

March 30 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Good Friday

April 1 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Resurrection Sunday

Little Lambs: “Jesus is King”

—Trisha Texer, Melinda Kryger, Abby Helder

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for Building Men for Life. Next week's offering is for the Health Pantry. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$9,206. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness!

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

AM Linda Timmer, Kris Bulthuis, Jim & Dana Hondred
PM Melanie Russcher & Trisha Texer

Next Week:

AM Jamie Brower, Kris Roelofs, Meredith Sybesma, Deb Slenk
PM Renee Texer, Kim Walters

Catechism: The 4th through 12th 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	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
	6:00 PM	Monday Night Crafts
	6:30 PM	Cadet Meeting
	6:30 PM	GEMS Banquet
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Craft Day
	6:30 PM	Freezer Meal (assembly)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Hockey Rock Meeting
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
	4:00 PM	Ladies All Night Crafting

COUNCIL NOTES

- The Executive Committee with three additional Elders met Monday night, March 12, to prepare the necessary documents for Holland Classis regarding Pastor John's dismissal.
- A Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, to finalize the documents. Representatives from CRC Pastoral Relations Group will be present at the meeting for guidance and counsel.
- The next scheduled meeting of Holland Classis is set for May 3. Pastor John's dismissal will be acted on at this meeting.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Donna Grotenhuis!** She will be 85 years old on Saturday. Her favorite verse is, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11:25-26

Happy Birthday to **Don Janssen!** He will be 90 years old on Tuesday. His favorite verse is, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

Congratulations to **Kenneth and Laura (Louwerse) VanderZwaag** who were united in marriage on Saturday, March 17, at Faith United Reformed Church.

Denny and Judy Stoel will be volunteering with World Renew—Disaster Response Services from March 21 through April 14 in Hammond, Louisiana, due to flooding in March and August of 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline Today. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news today. The Niekerk News mailboxes are located in the bottom right hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

Jake Boeve will be on vacation from March 15 - 22. Please contact the appropriate District Elder if there are congregational care needs during this time.

It's the last day to sign up! for the **Ladies All Night Crafting** this Friday and Saturday starting at 4:00pm in En Gedi! Supper will be at 6:15pm, bring a dish to pass.

Flowers for Resurrection Sunday. *It's the last day to order!* A sign-up sheet for ordering flowers is at the Information Center. 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 being remembered. 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.

Monday Night Crafts. Bring your crafts to the All Purpose Room (basement) between 6-9pm tomorrow. Everyone is welcome!

Time to Make More Freezer Meals! Join us this Tuesday at 6:30pm in the kitchen to assemble meals and fill our empty freezer!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the youth and their leaders at the theme dinner! We raised \$3,541 towards our trip to Boston in July.

Wednesday Family Night Speaker. If you were not able to attend WFN this week, the CDs for Women At Risk can be found at the Information Center.

Right to Life Fundraiser is Monday! At Russ' Easttown ONLY from 5pm-close. Download a coupon at www.rtlolland.org or pick up a coupon from the bulletin board.

Church Mailbox Changes. In a few weeks, the church mailboxes will be re-organized. 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.

Men's Lenten Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 31. Mr. Rod Brandsen will be the speaker. A sign-up sheet is at the Information Center.

Library/Quiet Room is now open! With two rocking chairs and a 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.

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.

The Social Action Committee requests prayer for firemen and first responders. We thank God for their servant hearts. Pray for their safety as they respond to dangerous situations. "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4

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

Explosion Exhibition. You are invited to an evening of food, entertainment, and inspiration next Friday, March 23, at Calvary Church on 8th! With the support of partner churches like yours, for ten weeks now, kids and adults from our neighborhood have gathered together to cook, act, build, write, perform, and create in ten different classes that are part of Heights of Hope's winter creative arts program called "Explosion". Come see what we've been up to! Gallery time starts at 5:30pm. Performances and awards are at 5:50pm.

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 15	Installation of Elder & Deacons
April 29	Church Potluck
May 10	Ascension Day Service
May 20	Graduate Sunday
June 2	Sporting Clays

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