



Palm Sunday

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.*

MATTHEW 21:9

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 25, 2018

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Palm Sunday

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** – Gray Hymnal 378

Ministry of Music

Great Big Beautiful World

King of Love

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: The Health Pantry

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Ministry of Music

Blessings in Disguise

***Not What My Hands Have Done** – Gray Hymnal 260

Children's Message

Scripture: **Luke 19:28-44** – page 1633

Message: **"Why Is the Grand Marshal Crying?"**

Prayer of Application

***At the Cross**

*God's Blessing

***Hosanna**

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

Sunday School & Junior Choir

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Preparatory

Prelude:

*Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

***Above All**

***Abide with Me**

Preparatory

Prayer

Offering: The Health Pantry

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***Lamb of God**

Scripture: **Matthew 27:45-51** – page 1552

Message: **“When Religion Became Relationship”**

Prayer of Application

*God's Blessing

***And Can It Be**– Gray Hymnal 267:1,2,4

*Postlude:

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WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

This week we look forward to the Good Friday Service with communion and next Sunday will be Resurrection Sunday. Pastor Ren Broekhuizen will lead us in these services.

Little Lambs: “Jesus Dies on the Cross”

—Jacob Heeres, Lisa & Cody Kragt

****Little Lambs will not meet next week Sunday, April 1****

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for the Health Pantry. Loose money on Good Friday is for the Niekerk Benevolent Fund. Next week's offering is for the Niekerk Christian Education Fund. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$8,197. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness!

April Offering Schedule:

- April 1 Niekerk Christian Education Fund
- April 8 The Gideons
- April 15 Hand2Hand Ministries
- April 22 Foods Resource Bank
- April 29 Josh and Virginia Ham of Wycliff

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

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

Next Week:

- AM Kaylin Van Dyke, Bethany Van Houten, Laura Bosch, & Anita Windemuller
- PM Dawn Folkert & Carol Venema

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
7:00 PM		Council Meeting
6:30 PM		Cadet Honors Banquet
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Craft Day
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Youth Group Open Gym
Thursday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sunday	7:30 AM	Men's Lenten Breakfast

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Open Gym! Wednesday, March 28, from 5:30-8:00pm is our last open gym night of the year. Come, and bring a friend! We will provide the pizza, pop and snacks!

COUNCIL NOTES

- Council met on Monday, March 19, with Norm Thomasma and Dave Den Haan both from Pastor Church Resources and provided advice on church order process and procedures with respect to Pastor John's dismissal. Classical documents of background, grounds and termination agreement were finalized. They will be delivered to Holland Classis for action and placed on the agenda for the classis meeting May 3, 2018.
- Motion to authorize hiring of an interim part-time minister to assist the church in preaching, pastoral care, council leadership, etc.
- Council agreed to recruit a seminary student this spring/summer/fall to assist the church in preaching and member visitation.
- Councilmen elected on March 18, by casting of lots to serve a three year term were: **Elders:** John Janssen, Tim Leep, and Eric Louwerse; **Deacons:** Scott Sybesma, Joel Kryger, and Michael Schierbeek.
- Next Council Meeting is Monday, March 26. The newly elected officers will be in attendance for the purpose of electing offices, committee liaison appointments and assigning congregational care districts.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathy is extended to **Ev Bosch** in the passing of her husband, **Alfred Bosch**. Sympathies also to his son **Jack and Deb Bosch** and grandson **Brian Bosch**, to sister **Sarah Tucker** and sister-in-law **Hazel Bosch**. The funeral was Wednesday at Niekerk.

Ev Bosch was moved Monday evening to Resthaven on 40th Street The Cottages under the care of Hospice.

Jan Nykamp fell last Sunday and broke two bones above the ankle. She needs six weeks of no weight bearing on her ankle for good healing.

Happy Birthday to **Dorene Terpstra!** She will be 86 years old on Monday. Her favorite verse is, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Lenten Breakfast will be this Saturday at 7:30am. *It's the last day to sign up!* Breakfast will be served by the Cadets. Mr. Rod Brandsen will be the speaker. Please feel free to invite your extended family and friends. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

Flowers for Resurrection Sunday. If you ordered flowers, please put your payment in an envelope with your name on it and place it in the box. Each plant costs \$7.25. The flowers may be taken home next week after the evening service.

Sign up begins next week Sunday, April 1, for the **CROP Walk** and the **Right to Life Walk** for Life. Sign up to be a walker and/or pledge. The poor, the hungry, and the unborn are depending on you!

Freezer Meals for Those in Need! The freezer is full with egg soufflé, lattice top chicken or tater tot casserole. These meals are for members in our church with needs and for those outside our church that could use a helping hand.

Church Mailbox Changes. If there are any changes that need to be made, let Julie Mulder know by leaving a note or by email at secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

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.

Height of Hope Circles – Meals Needed. We are looking for more meals on Tuesday evenings starting April 10. We encourage small groups or a few families to prepare together! If you are interested, please go to www.heightsofhope.com/meals or contact Mandy at (616) 589-6612. Thank you to all that have helped in providing a meal for our Circles program so far! It is appreciated more than you know!

Church Assistance Program. Constant drama, disrespectful behavior, criticism...over time, the chaos and constant stress of a toxic relationship can lead to physical illness, anxiety or depression. A professional can equip you with skills to communicate better, manage conflict in a more productive way and rebuild a healthier you. Call our CAP at 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 for free and confidential support.

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

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:

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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