

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 4, 2018

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Our Mutual Greetings

***Unchanging**

***Same Power**

~Little Lambs is Dismissed~

Offering: World Renew—Disaster Relief Services

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTER~

Prayer

***Whiter than Snow**

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

Message: **“Green Light at Niekerk—An Awakening Heart”**

Prayer of Application

***Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)**

*God's Blessing

***Shine, Jesus, Shine**

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Today, we welcome Pastor Ren Broekhuizen to the pulpit for both the morning and evening service. Next week we celebrate GEMS Sunday and the Holland Christian Chamber Strings will be with us during the evening worship service.

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

***Waiting Here for You**

***Forever Reign**

God's Will

Prayer

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***Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart** – Gray Hymnal 419:1,3-5

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

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

Prayer of Application

***Draw Me Close**

*God's Blessing

***Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God** – Gray Hymnal 547

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Kristi Driscoll

Upcoming scheduled pastors are:

March 11 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

March 18 Sem. Ross Hoekstra

March 25 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

March 30 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Good Friday

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for World Renew—Disaster Relief Services. Next week's offering is for GEMS International. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$9,671. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness!

Little Lambs: “Jesus Loves the Children”
—Beth Vander Meulen, Rachel & Olivia Plaggemars

Catechism: The 4th through 12th grade classes will meet in En Gedi.

Sunday School meets in the All Purpose Room.

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

AM Kimberly Van Houten, Laura Helder, Greg & Jen Leenstra
PM Carol Keen & Lisa Wedeven

Next Week:

AM Tami Sneller, Elizabeth Timmer, Shane & Rachel Plaggemars
PM Melinda Kryger & Deb Schierbeek

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:45 PM	Sunday Night Bible Study
Monday	6:00 PM	Elder & Deacon Meetings
	6:00 PM	Monday Night Crafters
	6:30 PM	Cadets & GEMS
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Craft Day
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand 2 Hand Packing
Saturday	6:00 PM	Youth Group Theme Dinner

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth participating in the theme dinner fundraiser, please plan to be at church on Friday night, March 9, from 6-8:00pm. On Saturday, March 10, plan to arrive at 5pm. Please eat before you come both days.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ed Boeve was admitted to Holland Hospital on Monday with stroke symptoms, he was then transferred to Spectrum Butterworth on Tuesday for testing and further treatment for stroke and heart issues.

Happy Birthday to **Nick Ellerbroek!** He will be 88 years old on Thursday. His favorite verse is, "You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you." Nehemiah 9:6

Our Christian sympathies are extended to **Marv and Carol Venema** and **Mike and Deb Venema and family** in the passing of Carol's brother and Mike's uncle, Neil Dryfhout. The funeral was Friday at Calvary Church in Grand Rapids.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER AND DEACON

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 for all professing Niekerk members. If you are short any ballots, let any elder or deacon know, and they will make sure you get one. 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 by Sunday, March 11, 2018. Names will be drawn on Sunday morning of March 18, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Theme Dinner. *Today is the last day to sign up for A Night at the Movies!* You won't want to miss it! Doors open at 6pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Laura or Jamie at any time.

Cadets Pinewood Derby on Monday evening at 6:30pm in Ed Gedi. Everyone is welcome to come and watch.

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 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.

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!

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, or 616-893-5750.

The Social Action Committee requests prayer concerning international affairs. Pray for our federal officials as they deal with conflicts around the world. "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity." 1Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

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 or pick up a coupon from the bulletin board near the Information Center.

Right to Life Annual Walk/Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at 10:00am at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland. You can pick up a pledge sheet from our office or download one from www.rtlofholland.org.

Church Assistance Program. For many, receiving a cancer diagnosis and going through treatment is an emotional rollercoaster and can cause feelings of grief, loss and fear and lead to fatigue, depression, mental fog, and other forms of cognitive impairment. Please don't struggle alone. Our mental and behavioral health experts are ready to talk when you are. Free 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 14	Wednesday Family Night
March 26	April Council Meeting
March 30	Good Friday Service
April 1	Resurrection Sunday
April 29	Church Potluck
June 2	Sporting Clays

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