

PCEA NENDENI WEEK 2026



*“Serve the Lord with your
whole heart”*

1 Chronicles 28:8-10;
Colossians 3:23-24



FROM THE MODERATOR

Receive greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Nendeni Week 2026 theme calls the Church to a deeper vision of service: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord... You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23–24). In our second reading, Paul reminds the Colossian believers that service to God is not confined to the sanctuary or the pulpit. Instead, it is lived out in our homes, our workplaces, our fields, and our daily labor. Whatever our hands find to do, we do it as an offering to Christ Himself.

In our first reading from 1 Chronicles 28:8–10, King David charges his son Solomon before the assembled leaders of Israel: "Know the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought." David does not merely hand Solomon a task; he entrusts him with a calling, one that demands not partial obedience, but a whole heart and a willing spirit. "Be strong and do the work," David tells him.

Beloved in Christ, this is the same charge given to us today. The Lord who has searched our hearts and known our thoughts has also chosen us and set us apart for His work. Service to God is not a burden reserved for the clergy or a select few. Service it is the calling of every believer, exercised wherever we find ourselves: in our farms and offices, our classrooms and kitchens, our churches and communities. Whether we teach, heal, build, trade, parent, or lead, we are called to do it with a whole heart, a willing mind, and the knowledge that we serve the Lord Christ.

May this Nendeni Week be a season of holistic service and renewed devotion. May it be a time when we lay aside half-hearted service and divided loyalties, and instead offer God our whole hearts in every task before us. Let us be strong and do the work He has set before us, confident that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

To God be the glory,

Rt. Rev. Thegu Mutahi
Moderator, 24th General Assembly

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Receive greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus.

Nendeni Week is here with us once again, and we give thanks to God for his faithfulness in bringing us to this time. In the Presbyterian tradition, we understand that all mission belongs to God. As Christians, we participate in the Missio Dei, the mission of God to the world. The mission of the church has its basis in the movement of God into the world in Jesus Christ. Therefore we are called as disciples of Jesus Christ to follow him into the world, to share the love of God, to visit those who are sick, to share food with the hungry, to offer water to the thirsty, and to proclaim the good news of salvation through word and action. We are the instruments of God's action in this world; through the mission of the church, God is at work building his kingdom.

Our theme for Nendeni Sunday comes from our first and second readings:

"Serve the Lord with a whole heart"

The Book of 1 Chronicles records King David's final charge to his son Solomon, spoken before the assembled leaders of Israel. David does not simply instruct Solomon to serve God, he insists on the manner of that service: "serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought" (1 Chronicles 28:9). This is a sobering reminder that God is not content with divided loyalty or half-measures. He searches the heart. Our mission and service are only as genuine as the devotion behind them. David's charge to Solomon is, in truth, God's charge to every generation of believers: "Be strong and do the work" (1 Chronicles 28:10). Mission is not a task for the few, it is the calling handed down to each of us, to be taken up with courage and completed with faithfulness.

In our second reading, Paul instructs the Colossian church that this wholehearted service is not confined to formal ministry alone: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord... You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Whether we are teaching a child, tending a farm, treating a patient, or preaching from a pulpit, our labor becomes an act of worship when it is offered with a whole heart, as service to Christ himself. This is what makes our mission holistic, every act of compassion, every gesture of justice, every work of our hands done in his name is participation in the Missio Dei.

As we mark Nendeni Week 2026, let us examine our own hearts. Are we serving God with wholehearted devotion, or with divided attention? Let us go out, to the sick, the hungry, the thirsty, the forgotten, and let our service, in word and in deed, declare that we belong wholly to the Lord we serve.

Today we are before our Lord Jesus as His servants, and He is commissioning us anew, to go into the whole world and bring His people into His house, the Church. As David charged Solomon, "Be strong and do the work"; as Christ charged His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Whatever we do, let us do it with all our heart, as serving the Lord and not men.

Go ye and make disciples... a call to serve.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Samuel R. Muratha
Director, Mission & BSR

NENDENI WEEK PROGRAM

Monday, 7th September

Launching of Nendeni Week by Moderator, 24th GA.

Tuesday, 8th September

Mission to boda boda riders.

Wednesday, 9th September

Family mission and prayer time.

Thursday, 10th September

Engage in environmental stewardship activities.

Friday, 11th September

Visit a children's home or local school.

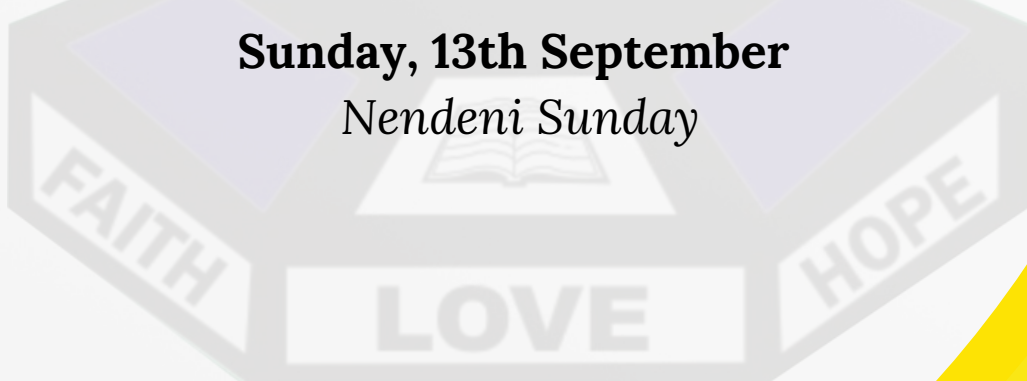
Mission to prisons

Saturday, 12th September

Meet in church to prepare for Nendeni Sunday service.

Sunday, 13th September

Nendeni Sunday



NENDENI SUNDAY

Sunday, 13th September
Order of Service

Opening Hymn: *"Kumtegemea Mwokozi"*

Call to Worship - Colossians 3:23

Praise and Worship

Intercessory Prayer

Children's Moment

Apostles Creed

Intimations

Scripture Readings

- 1 Chronicles 28:8-10
- Colossians 3:23-24

Theme Song: *"O Jesus, I Have Promised."*

Sermon

Tithes and Offerings

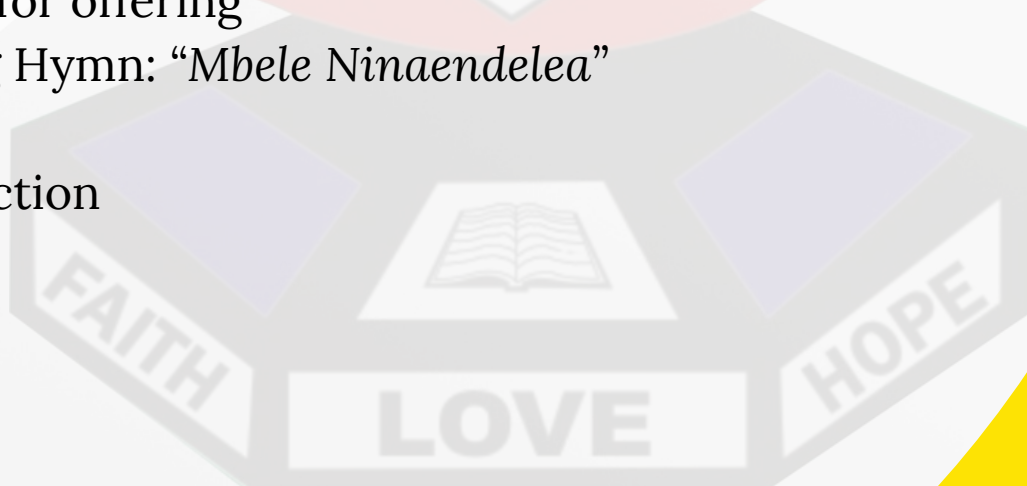
Mission/Evangelism chair to present mission needs

Mission/BSR support offering

Prayer for offering

Closing Hymn: *"Mbele Ninaendelea"*

Benediction



NENDENI WEEK

THEME SONG

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.

And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.



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