

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, October 30th</b> <b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Bells Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 104 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs <i>Reception for Norma Lovell</i>
	11 am	Lounge	<i>Sermon Reflection</i>
<b>Tuesday, November 1st</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Property
<b>Thursday, November 3rd</b>	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, November 5th</b>	9 am	NRC Grounds	Fall Clean-Up
<b>Sunday, November 6th</b> <b>25th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Mission—</b> <b>Operation Adopt A Soldier</b>	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
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**The Niskayuna Reformed Church**  
**3041 TROY-SCHENECTADY ROAD**  
**NISKAYUNA, NEW YORK 12309**  
*FOUNDED IN 1750*

Each member and friend  
 The Reverend Jason Fulkerson  
 Paul Alois  
 Rebecca Benjamin  
 Andrew Burger  
 Ellen Gauna  
 Norma Lovell  
 Kathy Mausert  
 Lester Perlee  
 Wendy Sims  
 Rick Wallace

Ministers  
 Pastor  
 Treasurer  
 Organist  
 Director of Music  
 Church Administrator  
 Director of Bell Choir  
 Director of Nursery School  
 Cemetery Superintendent  
 Teacher, Nursery School  
 Church Sexton

### NRC Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
 To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.

### Church Office Information:

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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

# NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

October 30, 2016

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode,  
if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.*

Let the first note of the prelude be a call to quietly prepare for the significance  
of the experience that is before you.

Announcements

Prelude *Litany for the Feast of All Saints* Schubert

Votum John Moak

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

The Call to Worship

Sing to the LORD a new song;

**sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

**proclaim his salvation day after day.**

\*Hymn *This is My Father's World* 101

\*Salutation and Peoples' Amen

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for  
they have been from of old. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon  
my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am  
lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me**

items for the sale. Please deliver all your goodies to kitchen on or  
before November 8th and mark items as "Election Day Bake Sale".  
Please indicate if the item contains nuts and what kind of nuts.

- Our fall clean-up is scheduled for November 5th @ 9 am. Please bring rakes and gloves! Call Ron Ricard with questions.
- You may now place orders for memorial poinsettias by calling Sue Felpel at 372-0936 or emailing at [LSFelpel@yahoo.com](mailto:LSFelpel@yahoo.com). The cost is \$7 per plant. The last day to order will be **December 4th**. Please make your check payable to NRC and send to the office. The plants will be displayed in the Sanctuary beginning December 18th and may be claimed anytime following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
- **Open Position:** With the upcoming retirement of Norma Lovell as our longtime Director of Handbells, we are beginning the search for her successor. For more details, please contact the Church Office. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to the Personnel Committee c/o the Church Office, or by e-mail to [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:office@niskayunareformed.org)
- Harvest for the Pantry is SICM's largest fundraiser for the Food Pantry. Please join us for a fun evening of raffles and dinner at the Scotia Reformed Church on November 6th from 4-7 pm. Tickets are \$30/pp. Contact Monica Tryon to join us.
- Operation Adopt a Soldier will be the recipient of the November collection. **Week 1: November 1st - 6th:** Personal Care Items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, sun screen, deodorant, lotion, Kleenex, razors, toilet paper, etc. Items may be placed in baskets outside of FH.
- An advent study will begin in November. Pastor Jason is offering two times in order to accommodate everyone's needs. There will be a Monday night study group @ 7 pm. It will run from November 28th-December 19th. We are hoping to offer babysitting to those church members who have small children. If you are available to watch children, please let Ellen know. The other option for the advent study is Thursday afternoons @ 3pm. This session will run from December 1st- 22nd. We hope you can join one of these groups. Please call the office if you would like to participate in either group.

- Norma Lovell is officially retiring as Director of the Bell Choirs at NRC. Norma is conducting her last performance today. You are invited to attend a reception in her honor, following the service.
- Flowers on the altar are given by the Eendracht Bell Choir in honor of Norma Lovell with thanks for her years of dedicated service to the music ministry of this church.
- Please look for Lost & Found items in Fellowship Hall after church today. Additionally, we will have pictures that have been found in the building that are not being used. If you wish to take one home, please help yourself. All items remaining will be discarded.

### YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Kate Dranichak, Annie Guthrie & Will Guthrie.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **November 6th**: Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim & Betty Engler; Counters: Alan Holmes, Judy Henery & Peter Nickel; Greeter(s): Rory & Bonnie Wood; Coffee Hour: Women's Fellowship Group.
- The Thanksgiving holiday is fast approaching. You may be thinking about what your plans will be for that day. If you do not have family in the area, have limited resources for a meal, or will be eating alone for another reason, we want to invite you to have dinner with Pastor Jason and Jennifer. The meal will take place in Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving at 2pm, with fellowship to continue until 4pm. The meal will include turkey, sides, and dessert. We will have an assortment of games available for fellowship, following the meal. Please RSVP to Ellen by **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you would be willing to donate a turkey or a pie, a sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. We are also looking for a few people to help us with meal preparation, service, and clean-up. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jason or Jennifer.
- The M & SC and the Women's Fellowship are hosting a Bake Sale on Election Day, November 8th from 9 to 5. We need your help in baking

**out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Amen.** *(continue in silent reflection)*

The Kyrie Eleison

***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Words of Assurance

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Call to New Life

As God's forgiven people, how are we to live? Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

\*The Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Anthem *Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace* *McChesney*  
*Eendracht Bell Choir, Guest Organist, Susan Lohnas*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Teach us your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path. Teach us, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then we will keep them to the end. Give us understanding, and we will keep your law and obey it with all our hearts. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

New Testament Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 Bible page NT

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25: 14-30	Bible page NT
	This is the Gospel of the Lord. <i>Praise to you, O Christ.</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord!</i>	302
Sermon	“Managing God’s Blessings” Rev. Jason Fulkerson	
Silence		
The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word		

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Witnessing Steward		
The Offering		
The Offertory	<i>Creation Will Be At Peace</i> <i>Eendracht Bell Choir</i>	Page

The Doxology **544** and Prayer of Consecration

Remembering the Saints

**God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. We praise you for all who have sought your new creation, and who, by their steadfast faith, have shown their discipleship in Christ Jesus. We praise you for those we have known and loved, and pray that we, with them, may follow in the way of Christ, and, at the last, dwell in your holy city, sharing the inheritance of the saints in light, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Hymn	<i>For All the Saints, verses 1,6</i>	425
The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		

The Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,***

***thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.***

*Hymn	<i>His Eye Is On the Sparrow</i>	<i>insert</i>
*The Benediction		
The Postlude	<i>Toccata in D Minor</i>	<i>Bach</i>

\*Those who are able, please stand.

***Congregational responses are printed in bold type.***

\*\*We encourage you to fellowship with our church family members by passing of peace prior to the beginning of the church service.

### TODAY

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. May this time of praising God and learning of His plan for our lives be helpful to each of us. If you wish to be identified as a guest, please help us to get to know you by meeting the greeter at the rear of the sanctuary and receive a visitor’s bag of information about our church.

- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service. There is infant and toddler care in Room 102 of the Education Bldg.
- Our greeter(s) today: Paul & Elaine Szakats.
- Please join us for a Sermon Reflection in the Lounge from 11-12, following our Coffee Hour. The purpose of this time is to provide a setting for us to further discuss the sermon and its biblical text in an informal and relaxed setting.