

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, December 4th</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Mission-Soup Kitchen</b> <b>Expenses</b> <b>Teddy Bear Sunday</b>	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am  11 am	Music Room Sanctuary Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall Lounge	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Youth Choir Cherubs <i>Coffee Hour</i> <i>Sermon Reflection</i>
<b>Monday, December 5th</b>	7 pm	Room 104	Advent Study
<b>Tuesday, December 6th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Women's Fellowship
<b>Wednesday, December 7th</b>	7 pm 7 pm	Lounge Music Room	Consistory Bells
<b>Thursday, December 8th</b>	3 pm 7:30 pm	Lounge Sanctuary	Advent Study Sr. Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, December 10th</b>	1 pm	Sanctuary/FH	Ted Mihran Service/ Reception
<b>Sunday, December 11th</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Bells Sunday</b> <b>No Sermon Reflection</b>	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am  3 pm	Music Room Sanctuary Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall  Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Youth Choir Cherubs <i>Congregational Meeting</i> <i>Christmas Concert</i>

### 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.

# NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

December 4, 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

\*\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Meditation on Veni Emmanuel* Fedak

Introit

Votum John Moak

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

The Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us!

**And we are filled with joy!**

Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

**our tears into songs of joy!**

O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

**and remain in us forever.**

\*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 131

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle The Maclutsky Family

The Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how**

in Fellowship Hall. The congregation will be voting on a Consistory Slate of four Elders and two Deacons. Details about the individuals nominated to these positions is inserted into this bulletin. As President of Consistory, Rev. Fulkerson will provide the President's Report. Gary Male, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Paul Alois, Treasurer, will provide a financial update and present the proposed budget for 2017. This is your opportunity to hear about the state of our congregation and the plans for the year ahead. We hope you will take the time to join us for this important gathering.

- Join the Music Company Orchestra for some **Holiday Magic**. The concert is **Sunday, December 11 @ 3pm** and will be dedicated to long-time friend and parishioner **Theodore G. Mihran**. Concert is free and open to the public. The Parish Life is asking for help with **baked goodies** for approximately 200+ people. Please drop off your baked goods in the kitchen on or before **December 11th** and please mark it for "Christmas Concert". Thank you in advance for your assistance!
- The Property Committee meeting originally scheduled for December 6th has been cancelled.
- The Congregational Care Committee has arranged two Christmas Caroling events this December for our church family to visit nursing homes where some of our elderly members reside. The groups will sing Christmas Carols to them and present the members with small gifts made by the Women's Fellowship Group. Communion will be offered to those who would like to receive it during our visit. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested, please call Ellen 785-5575 . We will carpool from the church parking lot. Everyone is welcome to go to one event or both. Let's make it a special time for all!

### The itineraries are as follows:

#### **Tuesday, December 13th**

4:45 pm meet in the lounge to rehearse briefly and carpool

5:30 pm Glendale Home

6:30 pm Kingsway Manor

#### **Saturday, December 17th**

2:15 pm meet in the lounge to rehearse and carpool

3:00 pm Heritage Home

4:00 pm Judson Meadows

## 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: Ellen Doss.
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- Today's Communion Collection will benefit the M & SC. Your donations will be used for our expenses in preparing lunch at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Please help us feed the hungry.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Sarah Ide & Conner Mease.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **December 11th**: Ushers: Erik & Linda Gebhardt and Lynn & John Del Signore; Counters: Gary Male, Ron Valenti & Kim Cerone; Greeter(s): Brian & Jackie Maclutsky.
- Pastor Jason & Jennifer will be hosting an Ugly Sweater Open House on **Sunday, December 18th** from 3–5 pm. (The day not the date was incorrect in the weekly email newsletter) We encourage people to come in ugly Christmas sweaters but they are **not** required.
- Ted Mihran, longtime friend and member of the church, died on October 9th. There will be a memorial service for him on **December 10th @ 1pm** at NRC with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Gathering Music will be from 12:30-1.
- **Mark your Calendars!** Per our church by-laws, the 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, December 11** immediately following our worship service, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

**to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready Christ's coming. 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

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid. **Thanks be to God.**

The Call to New Life

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, let us strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

\*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

*A Tiny Child Will Come*  
*The NRC Senior Choir*

*Besig*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

The Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 9: 20-27 Bible page 831 OT

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

Gospel Lesson Mark 13: 32-37 Bible page 51 NT

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* 151

Sermon "When Is He Coming?"  
Rev. Jason Fulkerson

Silence

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Offering

The Offertory *Will We Know Him?* *Besig*  
*The NRC Senior Choir*

Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times  
and in all places...

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper...  
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Words of Institution

The Communion

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.***

The Choral Amen

***Please note: The Mission Offering will be collected during the  
singing of this next hymn.***

\*Hymn *Hark, What a Sound* 150

The Benediction

\*The Benediction Response

The Postlude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* *Broughton*

\*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.