

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 19th 24th Sunday after Pentecost	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:10 am	Room 103	Cherubs Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Cherubs Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
Monday, November 20th	7 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
Tuesday, November 21st	7 pm	Lounge	Congregational Care
Thursday, November 23rd		HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Office Closed
Friday, November 24th			Office Closed
Sunday, November 26th Christ the King Sunday	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	<i>Coffee Hour</i>

The Niskayuna Reformed Church 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.



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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FOUNDED IN 1750

Each member and friend
The Reverend Jason Fulkerson
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Wendy Sims
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Organist
Director of Music
Director of Bell Choir
Church Administrator
Director of Nursery School
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Teacher, Nursery School
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Remember to "like" us on Facebook at Niskayuna Reformed Church*

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

November 19, 2017

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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Announcements

Prelude *Bless This House* Taylor/Brahe
Mel Burger, Jr.

Introit *Thanks A Lot* Raffi
NRC Cherub Choir

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

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 90:1-2)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

*Hymn *We Worship Thee, Almighty Lord* 25

*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in knowing of God and of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

sanctuary beginning **December 17th** and may be claimed by individual donors anytime following the Christmas Eve Services.

- Note cards make great host or hostess gifts! Take some note cards, featuring a painting of our beautiful church by Jennifer Politano, to grandmother's house on Thanksgiving. The cards are \$15 for 10 and all proceeds support the History and Archives committee. Call Nancy Stopera at [518-370-2223](tel:518-370-2223) to place your order.
- The Congregational Care Committee is in the process of making communion available to those on our Visitation List who would like to participate in the sacrament. Elders serve in teams of two. Therefore, if you are presently an Elder or have served as an Elder on the Greater Consistory and would like to serve communion to shut-ins, please contact John Moak at jmoak@nycap.rr.com or 518-370-3096 for schedule information.
- Did you know that you have the option to give online? You can do one-time donations or setup recurring donations. This is especially helpful to those people heading south for the winter or for those Sundays when you forget to write out a check. For more information, please visit our website.
- The computer problem that the office was experiencing has been fixed. Please use the previous office email: office@niskayunareformed.org to correspond with Ellen. Thank you for your patience.
- Boy Scout Troop 34, who rents space from us, is going to be selling wreaths next **Sunday, November 26th** after services. The wreaths are 14 inside diameter double sided balsam fir greenery decorated by the scouts with red bow, three gold balls and two pine cones. The cost is \$18 per wreath and they are accepting donations to the troop funds.

TODAY

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. May you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. 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 & Doris Alois.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are from Jason and Jennifer Fulkerson in memory of Jason's Grandmother, Catherine Johnson.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be no Sunday School on Thanksgiving Weekend, November 26th. The Winter Session will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **November 26th** are; Ushers: Erik & Linda Gebhardt, John & Lynn DelSignore; Counters: Les Perlee & Jon Waxman; Greeters: John & Deborah Bennett; Coffee Hour: Thelma Ford.
- Pastor Jason and staff would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving with your friends and family. We are very *THANKFUL* for you!
- Our last Bible Study is tomorrow evening, **Monday, November 20th @ 7 pm!** We hope you can join us!
- You may place orders for memorial poinsettias by contacting Sue Felpel @ 518-372-0936 or lsfelpel@yahoo.com. The cost is \$7. The last day to order will be **December 3rd**. Please make your check payable to: **NRC** and send payment to the church office. The plants will be delivered in the

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, we confess our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Have mercy on us, God. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(continue in silent reflection)

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

Call to New Life

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

*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 *What the World Needs Now is Love* Bacharach
 The NRC Youth Choir

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

**Lord, our God, we bless and thank you for the gift of your Word.
Grant your servant both the humility and the boldness necessary
to preach it. Prepare our hearts and lives to be strengthened and
changed by it. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Bible page 205 NT
 This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Rev. Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* 306

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Majesty* Arr. Schrader
 The NRC Senior Choir

*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.***

Choral Amen

*Hymn *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* 403

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *All Glory be to God on High* Burkhardt

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.