

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, January 7th</b> <b>1st Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Mission-Salvation Army</b> <b>Consistory Installation</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 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
<b>Monday, January 8th</b>	7 pm	Lounge Room 104	M & SC Congregational Care
<b>Tuesday, January 9th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	WFG
<b>Wednesday, January 10th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Consistory
<b>Thursday, January 11th</b>	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
<b>Sunday, January 14th</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>



**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  
 James Friderici  
 Ellen Gauna  
 Kathy Mausert  
 Lester Perlee  
 Wendy Sims  
 Rick Wallace

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

### 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.

### Church Office Information:

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### A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

## NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

1st Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30 am

January 7, 2018

### 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 *The Birthday of a King* Neidlinger

Introit

Votum Lynne Barnard-Avveduti

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

Call to Worship

Give all credit to the Lord, O heavenly creatures;

**give praise for the Lord's glory and power.**

Give to the Lord the glory that is due;

**worship the Lord with lavish displays of sacred splendor.**

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Apostles Creed: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of  
heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the**

member of an individual. Prayer requests can be sent out in any  
manner you feel comfortable and with as much or little information you  
want included. Nothing is sent out without consent. This is a wonderful  
way to help someone in need and stay connected as a church and  
community. If you would like a prayer request to be sent out or if you  
would like to be added to the prayer chain list, please contact the church  
office at 518-785-5575 or email Ellen at office@niskayunareformed.org.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual **Antiques Show and Sale** is just around the corner. The  
event is a yearly fundraiser that draws dealers, collectors and shoppers  
from the capital district and beyond. New this year, Mark Lawson Antiques,  
Inc. will be with us to provide appraisals from 10am – 2pm on Friday,  
January 19th **ONLY**. Bring your valuables and have them appraised for **\$5**  
per item. There are many ways you can get involved on either day (or on  
both days) such as bake a pie, make soup, chowder or chili, set/clean up,  
volunteer as a cashier or help in the kitchen. The event will be held ...

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> -- 10am - 5pm**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>st</sup> --- 10am - 4pm**

**Friday shifts: 9am – Noon | Noon – 2pm | 2pm – 5pm**

**Saturday shifts: 9am – Noon | Noon – 2pm | 2pm – 4pm**

**Set-up will take place on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

If you are able to help in any way, please add your name to a sign-up sheet  
in the Fellowship Hall or the church narthex. Or, call/e-mail Donna Gaunay  
at 518-785-4808 / forkatz@hotmail.com.

**There are still vendor spots available, please contact the church  
office at 518-785-5575 to reserve your spot.**

Choral Amen

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

\*Hymn                      *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*                      **381**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

\*Postlude                      *March of the Kings*                      *Dewagtere*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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

## 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: Pezzano Family.
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- Today the communion collection will go towards the Salvation Army.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **January 14th** are; Ushers: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky & Lauren Groudine; Counters: Paul Sullivan & Judy Henery; Greeters: Barb Sim; Coffee Hour: Book Group.
- Did you know we have a prayer chain? This is a group of people that receive a prayer request at the request of an individual, friend or family

**Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      *All Creatures of Our God and King*                      **100**

\*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**O God, our creator and sustainer, forgive us for not paying attention to all that you have made. Forgive us for the neglect we show to the wonders of your magnificent creation. Help us to appreciate the marvelous works of your hands that surround us. May we join the praises of the trees, the fields, the seas, and all of creation. 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

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Call to New Life

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything. **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 *Lead Me Lord* Wesley/Bock  
*The NRC Senior Choir*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Blessed are you, Lord God Almighty, King of the universe. In the beginning your Spirit breathed life into the creation, and you continue to renew the face of the earth. Your Spirit breathed life into the Scriptures, and we pray you will continue to speak your Word to us. Your Spirit breathes peace and comfort to the whole world, and we pray you will enact that among us today. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 1: 1-5 & Psalm 29  
Bible page 1 & 504-505 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Rev. Jason Fulkerson

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

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *We Three Kings* Hopkins

\*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

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!

Words of Institution

Communion *Cradle Song Noel*

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.***

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