

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28th 4th Sunday after Epiphany	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
Wednesday, January 31st	7 pm	Elders Meeting Music Room	Lounge Bells
Thursday, February 1st	5 -7 pm	Room 101	Preschool Open House
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Friday, February 2nd	2 pm	Lounge	<i>Archives</i>
Saturday, February 3rd	8 am –1 pm	Fellowship Hall	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive</i>
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The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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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.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 am

January 28, 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 *Of The Father's Love Begotten* Held

Introit

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

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

*Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* 15

*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

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

Thank you!

- Interested in our Preschool Program? Then please join us at our Annual Open House/Family Pizza Party on Thursday, **February 1st** from 5 pm - 7 pm. You can meet the teachers, learn more about our programs and have any of your questions answered. Spread the word! Thank you!
- Our Annual Antique Show took place on Friday, January 19th & Saturday, January 20th. It was a HUGE success. Thank you to all of you who volunteered to make this event such a wonderful event. We know it takes a lot of time and energy. We especially would like to thank Les Perlee for all of his hard work and dedication. IT couldn't have happened without his tireless work and patience over the years. **THANK YOU LES!** We would also like to thank Donna Gaunay for coordinating the kitchen volunteers and food preparation. Donna is a wonderful asset to NRC. **THANK YOU DONNA!** The Antique Show was quite successful and NRC made over \$4,000. We were fortunate enough to have an appraiser, Mark Lawson, from Mark Lawson Antiques, donate his time and proceeds by giving appraisals to our guests. It was a wonderful addition to the show. We hope he can return again next year! Lastly, we would also like to thank Formisano Bakery for donated many baked goods. Paul Szakats was the one who made this happened. Thank you Paul for reaching out to Formasino Bakery.
- Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) is celebrating their 50th anniversary! This will be a special event held at the Glen Sanders Mansion on the evening of **March 20th**. SICM has initiated programs such as Project SAFE, Bethesda House, Schenectady Food Pantry, and Summer Meals Program, to name a few. Today SICM's programs/ministries focus in three areas: (1) food insecurity (hunger); (2) family, seniors and youth; and (3) diversity and acceptance. All NRC members are invited to attend SICM's Jubilee Celebration. Our relationship with this organization has existed for many years and it provides support to many local families. We are looking forward to a great turnout from our congregation, and hopefully there will be representation from all our different committees. Please contact any member of the M&SC if you would like to attend this very special event.

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: Bob & Linda Gardner
- Our guest speaker today is Christopher Silipigno, Associate Executive Director of the Schenectady City Mission. Chris is going describe what this organization does for the community, spiritually and financially. He was our speaker last year and was well received by the congregation. He has also been invited to our coffee hour to mingle and answer any questions people may have. The Schenectady City Mission is our designated mission collection for the month of February.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **February 4th** are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink & Norma Lovell; Counters: Alan Holmes, David Perlee & Paul Alois; Greeters: David & Joyce Anderson; Coffee Hour: TBD.
- Niskayuna Reformed Church is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, **February 3rd** from 8 am – 1 pm. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: NRChurch. Walk-ins are welcome!
- Volunteers needed to serve dinner on Monday, **February 19th** at the Schenectady City Mission. Please consider bringing comfort and fellowship to our community during this cold, isolating time of year. We need six volunteers (have three signed up already) to meet at the site at 4:45 and serve until 6:30. Please contact Michele Kopp at mishcata@gmail.com or call 518 424 3825 if you are able to help out.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we can be arrogant people – so full of “knowledge” that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when we you call us to welcome them into our communities. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love”. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your unconditional love. 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 demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!
Amen.

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.

