

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4th 5th Sunday after Epiphany Communion Sunday Mission-Schenectady City Mission	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>
Monday, February 5th	7 pm	Lounge	M & SC
Tuesday, February 6th	7 pm	Lounge	Property
Wednesday, February 7th	7 pm	Consistory Music Room	Lounge Bells
Thursday, February 8th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Sunday, February 11th Transfiguration Sunday	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
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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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NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 am

February 4, 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 *In the Bleak Midwinter* Christensen

Introit

Votum Jan Clark

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

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious,
and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond
measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving

volunteer at the Christmas Toy Store. Let's give them our financial support as well. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!**

- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **February 11th** are; Ushers: John & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli and Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Norm Tellier & Steve Avveduti; Greeters: Keith & Carol Munro.
- 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. Thank you!
- 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.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *Fantasia on Forest Green* *Broughton*

*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: David & Joyce Anderson
- This month our Communion Collection will help to support the Schenectady City Mission. The City Mission exists to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our community. The Mission's goal is to provide "not only **HELP** for today, but **HOPE** for tomorrow" It reaches out to the needy by providing meals and shelter, offers an annual "Back to School Boost Program", provides a free, weekly medical clinic, provides clothing free of charge for people in need, and so much more! Members of NRC give of their time to serve dinner, donate school supplies and

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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*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)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our 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

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Call to New Life

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **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 *Holy Lord of All* Arr. Williams
The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Guide me, O God, by your Work and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 21-45 Bible page 35-36 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon Rev. Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 141

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Be Still and Know That I am God* Lantz
The NRC Senior Choir

*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 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.

Choral Amen

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

*Hymn *Amazing Grace*

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