

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 11th</b> 4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Education Building Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Youth Choir Cherubs Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
<b>Monday, March 12th</b>	7 pm	Lounge Room 104	Bible Study M & SC
<b>Tuesday, March 13th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Women's Fellowship Group
<b>Wednesday, March 14th</b>	7 pm	Sanctuary	Bells
<b>Thursday, March 15th</b>	1 pm 7:30 pm	Lounge Sanctuary	Bible Study Sr. Choir
<b>Saturday, March 17th</b>	9:30 am- 2:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Women's Retreat
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**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*



## 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 Building.
- Our greeter(s) today: The Kreig Family.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of her Mother, Elizabeth Ehrcke, by Sharon and Dug Jackson and family.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **March 18th** are; Ushers: Richard Mizenko, Peter & Thelma Ford and Carol Carr; Counters: Lyle Eldred & Les Perlee; Greeters: Charles DelSignore & Mary Ivey; Coffee Hour: H & A.
- You may place your order for Easter memorial plants by calling Sue Felpel at 518-372-0936 or LSFelpel@yahoo.com, or in person. The price is lilies/\$8 & azaleas/\$16. The last day to order is **March 18th**. Plants may be claimed anytime after the Easter Sunday Service.
- The 2018 Women's Retreat on "The Art of Prayer" will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 9:30 am- 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The topic is based on the book "*Help, Thanks, Wow – The Three Essential Prayers*" by Anne Lamott. There is a small fee of \$8 to cover the cost of materials and lunch. Please register by **March 12** by contacting Sharon Jackson, Sue Felpel or the church office. Please join us for a time of thoughtful and inspirational fellowship.
- A short fly-over study of the book of Revelation is being offered two times per week, **Monday nights @ 7pm and Thursday afternoons @ 1pm** until April 5th. We hope you can join us!
- The interior painting of the lower level of the Education Building was completed on Monday, March 5th by DiScipio Painting. They did a

\*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)

**Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Call to New Life

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body.

**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 *Simple Gifts* arr. Copland  
*The NRC Youth Choir*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Through God's Word, O Holy Spirit, bring us closer to our Savior. And in response, triune God, prompt our hearts to offer you sincere thanks for our salvation. In the strong name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Micah 6: 1-8 Bible page 866 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon Rev. Jason Fulkerson

\*Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak* 298

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Thy Will Be Done* Courtney  
*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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Choral Amen

\*Hymn *Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground* 314  
verses 1 - 3

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

\*Postlude *Christ Lag In Todesbanden* Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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