

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 25th</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Education Building Music Room Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Youth Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
<b>Monday, March 26th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, March 27th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	H & A
<b>Wednesday, March 28th</b>	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
<b>Thursday, March 29th</b>	1 pm 7:00 pm	Lounge Fellowship Hall	Bible Study Maundy Thursday Potluck
<b>Sunday, April 1st</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	6:30 am 7 am 8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Music Room Sanctuary Fellowship Hall	Sunrise Service Light Breakfast Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service <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.

## NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

Palm Sunday

9:30 am

March 25, 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 *There is a Fountain Near the Cross* *Rouse*  
Introit *Hallelu, Hallelujah* *Traditional*  
*The NRC Cherub Choir*  
Votum *Lynne Barnard-Avveduti*

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

#### Call to Worship

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
**in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me  
speedily.**

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead  
me and guide me,**

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord,  
faithful God.**

\*Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* 187

We hope this is an easy way for you stay involved and informed.

- We invite you to come join for Maundy Thursday service on **March 29th** at 7pm in **Fellowship Hall**. The service will be similar to last year with a meal as part of the service. We are asking that people would bring a dish to share with everyone. We also ask that you bring your own table settings (plates, forks, spoons). Beverages will be provided.
- **SAVE THE DATE** - The NRC History & Archives committee in conjunction with Music Ministries will present "Sacred Sounds: The Historical Role of Music in Liturgy at Niskayuna Reformed Church," on Sunday, **May 6** at 5 pm. The event is open to the congregation and to members of the community. The senior and youth choirs, with orchestra, will perform selections from across the church's musical history. A reception will immediately follow in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and tea will be served. Please bring cookies to share. Donations are appreciated.
- Please mark your calendars for **April 17th**, between 3-6pm for our first Brooks BBQ of 2018. As usual, we are seeking volunteers. We also need dozens of Brownies! Brownies should be plain chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE), cut into 3"x 3" squares and individually wrapped. There will be sign-up sheets coming during coffee hour. Prices will be \$12 (chicken dinner)/\$8 (1/2 chicken).
- NRC is having its 1st Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, **May 12th** from 9 am -4 pm. If you or any of your friends or family would like to reserve a spot for only \$20, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575. Please spread the word, More details to follow.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1st services are as follows:**  
Sunrise (followed by light breakfast) at 6:30am  
Easter Worship at 9:30am (coffee hour to follow)

## 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: Leo & Sue Lichtig.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Evan Groudine & Emily Roth.
- There will be no Sunday School on April 1st & April 8th because of the spring break. Sunday School will resume on April 15th.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **April 1st** are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink & Norma Lovell; Counters: Alan Holmes, Sharon Rice-Herbst & Suzi O'Brien; Greeters: Dug & Sharon Jackson; Coffee Hour: Donna Gaunay/Parish Life.
- A short fly-over study of the book of Revelation is being offered two times per week, **Monday nights @ 7pm and Thursday afternoons @ 1pm till April 5th.** Please join use!
- Spring is coming and more people are coming on Sunday's, there are many new faces and some names we have forgotten. Please put on your name tag so our new and old forgetful members know who you are. If you need a name tag please let the office know and we will happily get one to you.
- Please note, we now have an easier way to access the bulletins online. Bulletins are posted, on the front of the website, half way down on the right hand side. They are posted right under the Messenger and Sermons.

\*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)

**In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. 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 Word of the Lord from Psalm 118: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Call to New Life

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. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **Amen!**

