

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 8th 2nd Sunday of Easter Communion Mission-Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Expenses	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Coffee Hour
Monday, April 9th	7 pm	Lounge	M & SC
Tuesday, April 10th	7 pm	Lounge	WFG
Wednesday, April 11th	7 pm	Lounge Music Room	Consistory Bells
Thursday, April 12th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Sunday, April 15th 3rd Sunday of Easter	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Education Bldg Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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Each member and friend
 The Reverend Jason Fulkerson
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 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

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NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am

April 8, 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 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Kirkpatrick
Arr By Sprunger

Votum Suzi O'Brien
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*Hymn *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show* 4

*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

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

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Kreig; Greeter(s): Ron Ricard; Coffee Hour: TBD.

- Pastor Jason will be on vacation from April 12th and returning to the office on April 26th. There will be a guest preacher for both Sundays that he is on vacation.
- 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 6th** 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 3-6 pm 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. **Set up and break down are the same day.** If you or any of your friends or family would like to reserve a 20 x 20 spot for only \$20, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575. Please spread the word!
- Calling all volunteers-help needed serving dinner at the City Mission on Monday, **April 23**, 2018 from 4:45-6:30. Please consider joining us, tying on our red aprons, donning our baseball caps and gloves to offer delicious dinner fare to families eager to experience fellowship and conversation. Please email Michele Kopp at mishcata@gmail.com or call (518) 424-3825 if you are able to participate.
- The Women's Fellowship Group (WFG) will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, **April 10th** for a special Mother's Day project. All women are welcome to join the group which meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Lounge. Materials needed will be provided, but feel free to bring along your favorite paper craft supplies (stamps, fancy scissors, glue stick ...) if you like. For questions, please e-mail Trudy at tfllehner@aol.com.

*Postlude

Thine is the Glory

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS

Arr. by Hayes

*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 Building.
- Our greeter(s) today: Jean Bursor.
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- Our Communion Collection for the month of April will go towards the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Expenses. We thank you for your support.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Addison Rizzi.
- There will be no Sunday School on April 8th because of the spring break. Sunday School will resume on next Sunday, **April 15th**.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **April 15th** are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbar Sim & Betty Engler; Counters: David Perlee & Glenn

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. (continue in silent reflection)

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Call to New Life

Hear God's command for us, "I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them." **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

Nearer, Still Nearer

*Morris
Arr. By Brendlinger*

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson 1 John 1:1- 2:2 Bible 238-239 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Rev. Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *Joy to the World* 161

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not Want* Irvine
Arr. by Larson

*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.***

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

*Hymn *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* 241

*Benediction