

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 20th Pentecost	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Education Bldg Room 103 Music Room Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Cherubs Choir Youth Choir Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 22nd	7 pm	Lounge	H & A
Thursday, May 24th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, May 27th Trinity Sunday	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Room 103 Music Room Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Cherubs Choir Youth Choir Coffee Hour

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.



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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Each member and friend
 The Reverend Jason Fulkerson
 Paul Alois
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

Pentecost

9:30 am

May 20, 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 *Heaven Came Down and Filled My Soul with Glory* Peterson

Introit

Votum Jennifer Fulkerson

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

Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit;
we dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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those snapshots, newspaper clippings, memorabilia or old printed materials that mention or pertain to past events at NRC! Your trash is the History and Archives Committee's treasure. We would love to have your items, and as a bonus they will not go into the landfill. Of special interest are church bulletins dating from before 1940 and any old keepsakes, such as plates or small trays, but we will take anything. Let us judge what is worth keeping. Contact Nancy Stopera at 518-370-2223. Thank you!

- There is an **urgent** need for Coffee Hour Hosts for the summer. Please look at your schedule and contact Linda Gardner at 518-783-6840 or Donna Gaunay at 518-785-8404 to set up your date.
- While the weather was not ideal, we hosted our 1st Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, May 12th. Eleven vendors made it out to sell a variety of goods. Our Mission and Service Committee sold items that were donated by the congregation. Any leftover items were brought to local charities. The Women's Fellowship Group sold baked goods. The angel food lemon bars and O'Henry bars were fantastic!!! Ario's Pizza provided food for the event, grilling hot dogs, burgers, and chicken. Thank you to Ario's for donating the leftover chicken to NRC. The chicken was dropped off at the Schenectady City Mission. We are thankful to all those who made the event possible. A big thank you goes to our Administrator, Ellen Gauna, for organizing the event!!!
- Pastor Jason will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday of this week. He will be at Camp Fowler for a retreat.

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: Ann Duncan.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of loved ones by Bonnie and Rory Wood.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Liam Clemmer & Alexandra Mirel.
- There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, **May 27th** due to Memorial Day weekend.
- The Christian Education Committee is recruiting for teachers, assistants, substitute and superintendents for the Fall, Winter and Spring sessions of the 2018-2019 Sunday School year. See the attached sheet for a list of classes and the schedule. Curriculum is provided and the rewards are great! Please contact Trudy Lehner if you have questions or would like to sign up.

We are also looking for a few more teachers for the 5-week summer Sunday School program, July 15-August 12. You could sign up for one or more sessions; lessons will cover some of the Parables of Jesus.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **May 27th** are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink & Norma Lovell; Counters: Jeff Rivenburg & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Bob Schlieman; Coffee Hour: Trudy Lehner.
- **Spring cleaning? Downsizing? Settling an estate?** Don't throw away

*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)

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

In Christ you were marked with the Holy Spirit, a seal of our redemption in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit we become dead in sin and alive anew in Christ. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you may have hope of new life, may grow in your knowledge of the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, and may experience the incomparable power of God that raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Call to New Life

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you overflow with love and hope. Remember that the harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Spirit is our source of life. **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 *O Mourn of Beauty* Sibelius
The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

O God whom we long to know, burning fire within our souls, grant to us the tongues like fire, the sound of rushing wind, your descending Holy Spirit, that in knowing your Word we might know your presence, that in following your ways we might live in your light. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Bible 806 OT

New Testament Lesson Acts 2: 1-21 Bible 119 NT

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

Sermon

*Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn *Seal Us, O Holy Spirit* 238

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Send Thy Holy Spirit* Gounod
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 *Be Thou My Vision* 303

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Soul* Atkinson

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.