



The Niskayuna Reformed Church  
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FOUNDED IN 1750

Each member and friend  
The Reverend Jason Fulkerson  
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Pastor  
Treasurer  
Organist  
Director of Music  
Director of Bell Choir  
Church Administrator  
Director of Nursery School  
Cemetery Superintendent  
Teacher, Nursery School  
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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

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**NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH**

Trinity Sunday

9:30 am

May 27, 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 *God Bless America* *Berlin*

Introit

Votum Scott Haefner

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

Call to Worship

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

\*Hymn *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer* 17

\*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

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

Prayer of Confession (*pray in silence*)

***THIS WEEK***

|                                                                                 |                                           |                                                                                        |                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, May 27th<br>Trinity Sunday                                              | 8:45 am<br>9:30 am<br>10:30 am            | Music Room<br>Sanctuary<br>Music Room<br>Fellowship Hall                               | Sr. Choir Rehearsal<br>Worship Service<br>Youth Choir<br>Coffee Hour                                   |
| Tuesday, May 29th                                                               | 7 pm                                      | Lounge                                                                                 | Archives                                                                                               |
| Wednesday, May 30th                                                             | 10 am                                     | Salvation Army                                                                         | Soup Kitchen                                                                                           |
| Thursday, May 31st                                                              | 7:30 pm                                   | Sanctuary                                                                              | Sr. Choir Practice                                                                                     |
| Sunday, June 3rd<br>2nd Sunday after Pentecost<br>Communion<br>Mission-Wildwood | 8:45 am<br>9:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>10:30 am | Music Room<br>Sanctuary<br>Education Bldg<br>Room 103<br>Music Room<br>Fellowship Hall | Sr. Choir Rehearsal<br>Worship Service<br>Sunday School<br>Cherubs Choir<br>Youth Choir<br>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.

To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and

- **Spring cleaning? Downsizing? Settling an estate?** Don't throw away 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.
- The Cemetery is looking for happy and healthy workers. They must be over 18 and pay depending on experience. Hours are variable depending on the weather. Call Les Perlee 518 785-3431 or the church office 518 785-5575.
- Leslie Perlee is collecting donations for "Relay for Life". The event brings communities together to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. The collection can will be located on the table during coffee hour. She will be walking overnight on June 2-3 at the Niskayuna High School track. Thank you for your support.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

Call to New Life

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**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*

*To God Be the Glory  
The NRC Senior Choir*

*Brahms  
arr. Lorenz*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson                      John 3: 1-17                      Bible 93-94 NT

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

Sermon

\*Hymn                      *In Christ Alone*                      insert

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory                      *Lord, for Thy Mercie's Sake*                      *Farrant*  
                                         *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                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*                      139

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

\*Postlude                      *Salute to the Armed Forces*                      *Kirkland*  
                                         *Duet: Eleanor Van Pelt, Piano; Rebecca Benjamin, Organ*

\*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: Bob Schlieman.
- Independence Day is a time to remember our freedoms and thank God for them. Thank you to all of our past and present military personnel. Happy Memorial Day!

### YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No Sunday School today, 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 **June 3rd** are; Ushers: John & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli & Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Alan Holmes, Gary Male & Norm Tellier; Greeter(s): Jeff & Sandy Rivenburg; Coffee Hour: Membership.