

***THIS WEEK***

Sunday, September 23rd 18th Sunday after Pentecost	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir <b>Coffee Hour</b>
Monday, September 24th	7 pm	Lounge	Congregational Care
Tuesday, September 25th	7 pm	Fellowship Hall	Mooncatcher Bee
Wednesday, September 26th	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, September 27th	12 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
	2 pm	Lounge	Safety Committee
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, September 30th 19th Sunday after Pentecost	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir <b>Coffee Hour</b>

***The NRC 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.



The Niskayuna Reformed Church  
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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

*\*Remember to "like" us on Facebook at Niskayuna Reformed Church*

## NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

September 23, 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

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Announcements

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Berry  
*(in the setting of JS Bach's Sheep May Safely Graze)*

Introit

Votum Sharon Rice-Herbst

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

Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

**We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!**

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises  
to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your  
faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

please let us know that too! The deadline is **October 1st** so please let  
Ellen know ASAP. Thank you for your attention to this!

- Join us for an intimate chamber music concert featuring a premier of Joshua Hummel's "Storm" and Tim Kaih's "L'ile Deserte" The concert will take place on **Sunday, September 30th** at 4 pm. Please see the flyer in the back of the narthex and Education Building for more details. A local musician spearheaded the effort to organize this community event.
- The M & SC will be collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids for the Lions Club International to distribute to those in need. The collection box will be located in the Education Building for the next few months. Please check your homes for glasses or hearing aids no longer needed and bless someone else with the gift of sight or hearing. Thank you!
- The M & SC is seeking input from the congregation for the selection of non-profit organizations for our 2018 Communion Collections. Please share your ideas with any member of the M & SC. Thank you.
- The Women's Fellowship Group is hosting the third annual **MoonCatcher Bee** in Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, September 25** from 7 - 9 pm. For more information, visit the MoonCatcher Project website at: [mooncatcher.org](http://mooncatcher.org). Even if you can't sew, you can participate in and enjoy a MoonBee. There are useful jobs for everyone, skilled or unskilled. All materials and equipment are provided. However, if you have a sewing machine that you would like to bring, more are always helpful. Good scissors can also come in handy! Donations of cotton fabrics are always welcome as well. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun evening of mission and fellowship.
- The dates for the upcoming bible study "Commonly Misunderstood Verse in the Bible" have changed. Our first study will take place on Monday, October 1st at 7pm. Each week there will be a study on Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 1pm, both will be the same lesson. The final study will be on Thursday, October 25th at 1pm.
- Rick Wallace, our wonderful sexton, has a birthday this week. Rick's birthday is on **Friday, September 28th**. Please take the time to wish him a Happy Birthday! We would be lost without his hard work, dedication and thoughtfulness.

## 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.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of our parents and loved ones by Sandy and Jeff Rivenburg.
- Our longstanding parishioner, Monica Tryon, is leaving our church to enjoy time with her grandchildren, daughter and son-in-law in Pittsburgh. Please join us after services at Coffee Hour to wish her well.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **September 30th** are; Ushers: John & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli and Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Les Perlee & Sue Felpel; Greeter(s): Barbara Sim; Coffee Hour: Bill McCann.
- If you are new to the congregation within the past year and want to know more about our church, you are invited to a gathering on Sunday, **September 30th** that will follow Sunday service. Pastor Jason will lead a discussion on all things Niskayuna Reformed Church. This is an opportunity to learn more about the church and what it means to become a member. **There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.**
- NEED ... a Friend, a Ride, a Meal, a Prayer? Did you know .... The Congregational Care Committee is available to help NRC families when support is needed. Call the church office for more information.
- The order for offering envelopes is due soon. Please let Ellen know if you wish to receive envelopes. If you are a new member or a regular giver, you can be given an envelope number so you can tract your contributions and receive a contribution statement. If you **no** longer want envelopes,

\*Hymn

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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\*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*)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Call to New Life

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 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.

**May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

