

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 30th 19th Sunday after Pentecost	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Education Building Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Youth Choir Cherubs Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
Monday, October 1st	7 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
Tuesday, October 2nd	7 pm	Lounge	Property
Thursday, October 4th	12 pm 7:30 pm	Lounge Sanctuary	Bible Study Sr. Choir Practice
Friday, October 6th	10 am	Salvation Army	Soup Kitchen
Sunday, October 7th 20th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Mission-World Vision	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Music Room Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Youth Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>

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.



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NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

September 30, 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 *Ave Verum* *Guilmant*

Introit

Votum *Mary Park Flanders*

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

Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **21**

*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **October 7th** are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim & Betty Engler; Counters: Sharon Rice-Herbst, Paul Alois & Dominic Andriano; Greeter(s): Mike & Suzi O'Brien; Coffee Hour: TBD.
- The deadline to order offering envelopes is tomorrow, **October 1st**. 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, please let us know that too! Please let Ellen know if you wish to receive envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this!
- 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 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.

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.
- 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 that will follow service. Please meet in Pastor Jason's office. 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.
- 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 **today** 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.
- Our guest organist today is Charlie Giglio. Charlie Giglio presently serves as adjunct instructor of Latin and Latin Liaison of the University in the High School program at SUNY Albany. He is the Organ student of Avery Tunningley for past 28 years and the organist at St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Guilderland, for 14 years. He lives with wife, Patricia, in Altamont, New York.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Greg Drapeau & Edward Van Buren.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O people of God, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

Call to New Life

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and complete.

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 *Sine Nomine* Vaughan Williams
The NRC Senior Choir

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

*Choral Amen

Interlude

*Hymn *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* 504

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that,
being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may
be opened to receive all that leads to life and holiness. Through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *St. Anthony's Chorale* Haydn/Brahms

Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18 Bible 114-115 NT
This the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 303

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Simple Praise* Courtney
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.***