

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH January 6, 2019

Sunday, January 6th Epiphany of the Lord Mission-Salvation Army	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sanctuary Ed. Building Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Worship Service Sunday School Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour
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Wednesday, January 9th	2 pm 7 pm	Lounge	WFG Consistory
Saturday, January 12th	10 am	Eileen Eldred's home	Women's Book Group

Sunday, January 13th 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sanctuary Ed. Building Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Worship Service Sunday School Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour
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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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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 being inspired by the Word 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.

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 *Let There be Peace on Earth* Althouse

Introit *O Come Little Children* Sutcliffe
The NRC Youth Choir

Votum Lynne Barnard-Avveduti

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

Call to Worship

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now God has spoken to us by a Son.

God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

Saturday shifts: 9am – Noon | Noon – 2pm | 2pm – 4pm

Set-up will take place on January 16th @ 6:30pm

- To volunteer to help with the Antique Show in any way, please add your name to a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or the church narthex. Or, call/e-mail Donna Gaunay at 518-785-8404 / forkatz@hotmail.com.
- Volunteers needed at the Schenectady City Mission to serve dinner on **Monday, January 14th** from 4:45-6:30. We have 2 helpers so far, but need 4 more. Please contact Michele Kopp at mishcata@gmail.com if you can join us.
- The Women's Fellowship Group (WFG) will try a new meeting time for the next couple of months. The group will now meet on the **second Wednesday of the month** from **2 - 4:00 pm** in the Lounge. The first meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, January 9th**. They will be working on Valentine's Craft for shut-ins. We welcome new members and hope that you will be able to join us whenever you can.
- The Women's Book Group meeting for January is Saturday the 12th at Eileen Eldred's home. Call Eileen at 518-382-1248 with questions.
- **Questions**, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Pastor Jason at sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at office@niskayunareformed.org.

provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Call to New Life

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body.

Always be thankful. **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.

Special Music

Greensleeves

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THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

God of light and life, open our eyes as well as our ears, so that we may not only hear your Word preached today but then see your Word lived

out in our lives and in your world, through Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

Bible 59 NT

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory

We Three Kings

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*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.

*Hymn

*Benediction

*Postlude

Carol of the Bells

Potter

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

Guest Musician: Hilary Soulia, Euphonium