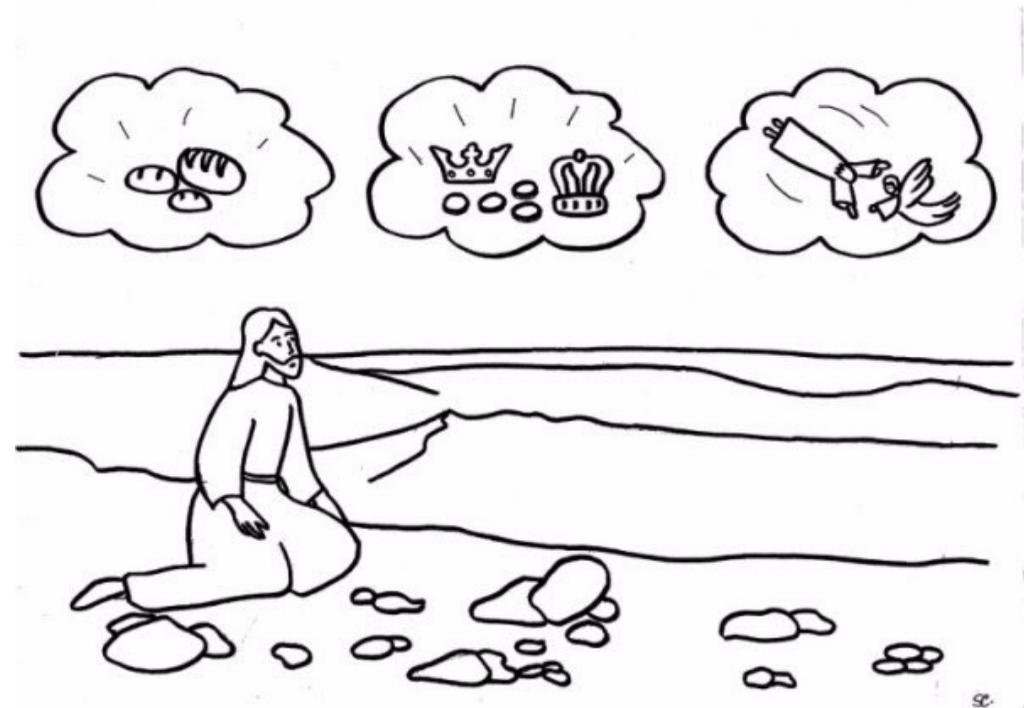


NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH January 20, 2019

Sunday, January 20th 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour

Monday, January 21st	Office Closed		
	11 am	Sanctuary	D. Murphy's Calling hours Service
	12 pm	Sanctuary	

Sunday, January 27th 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Ed. Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
Room 103		Cherubs Choir	
	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour	



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 *Now to Us Descending* Scott

Introit

Votum John Bennett

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

Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;

you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

make a donation, please do so during coffee hour or stop into the church office by end of the day on **Tuesday, January 22nd**. On Sunday, please give your donation to Jason or place them in the basket next to the card which will be on display at coffee hour. **Remember: The office is closed on Monday.**

- The Parish Life Committee is in need of volunteers to host coffee hours following Sunday morning church services. There is an urgent need for a host on **January 27th**. If you would like to participate but feel you need some guidance, please call the church office or contact Donna Gaunay or Linda Gardner. If you would like to be reimbursed for your expenses, submit the receipt attached to a Reimbursement Form (located in the upstairs hallway under the mailboxes) and put it in the Parish Life mailbox for approval.
- Pastor Jason will be out of the office on **January 28th & 29th** for a mediation training seminar.
- Many thanks to our NRC family for serving 117 meals and 103 take out orders at the Schenectady City Mission Monday evening. Guests were treated to a Mexican menu; beef/chicken with rice and burritos, soup, salad and delicious dessert. Coffee, hot chocolate and conversation helped warm the evening. Ron Valenti manned the soup station and also helped with getting meals ready to serve. Suzi O'Brien, Donna Nappi, Barb Valenti, Michele Kopp and Nancy Holsberger served our guests and tended to their every need. It was an experience of fellowship and love.
- **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.

TODAY

- 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 Worship teams for **TODAY** are; Ushers: John & Trudy Lehner, Lizbeth Amorelli and Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Lyle Eldred and Kim Cerone; Greeter(s): John & Trudy Lehner; Coffee Hour: Ron Ricard.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of Michele Renee Bursor by George, Jean, David and Amy Bursor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Anna Pustay**.
- There will be no Sunday School **today**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend.
- The Sunday School will begin collecting for the Souper Bowl collection for SICM today, **January 13th** through Super Bowl Sunday. Please help us help SICM! Look for our collectors at coffee hour.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **January 27th** are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman & Barbara Sim; Counters: Sharon Rice-Herbst & Dominic Andriano; Greeter(s): Bob & Linda Gardner; Coffee Hour: TBD;
- The Sermon text for next week will be Luke 4:16-30.
- Long time church member, Dorothy (Dot) Murphy passed away on Monday, January 14th. On Monday, January 21st, there will be calling hours from 11-12 pm and a service to follow. Both the calling hours and service will take place in the sanctuary at Niskayuna Reformed Church. There will be a private burial at Memory Gardens.
- Rick Wallace's Mom passed away on the 13th. He will be out of town till Tuesday. We are going to have a card that you can sign. Additionally, we are collecting money for the Hospice of Northwest Ohio. This is what the family is requesting, in lieu of flowers. [This is strictly volunteer](#). If you would like to sign the card or

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Call to New Life

Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” **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 *Awake Now, Wintry Earth* Bach
The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

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.

Gospel Lesson Luke 4: 1-15 Bible 61 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* **181**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Sing Praises Unto His Holy Name* Bach
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 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* **310**

*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Postlude *From Heaven Above* Held

*Those who are able, please stand.
Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.