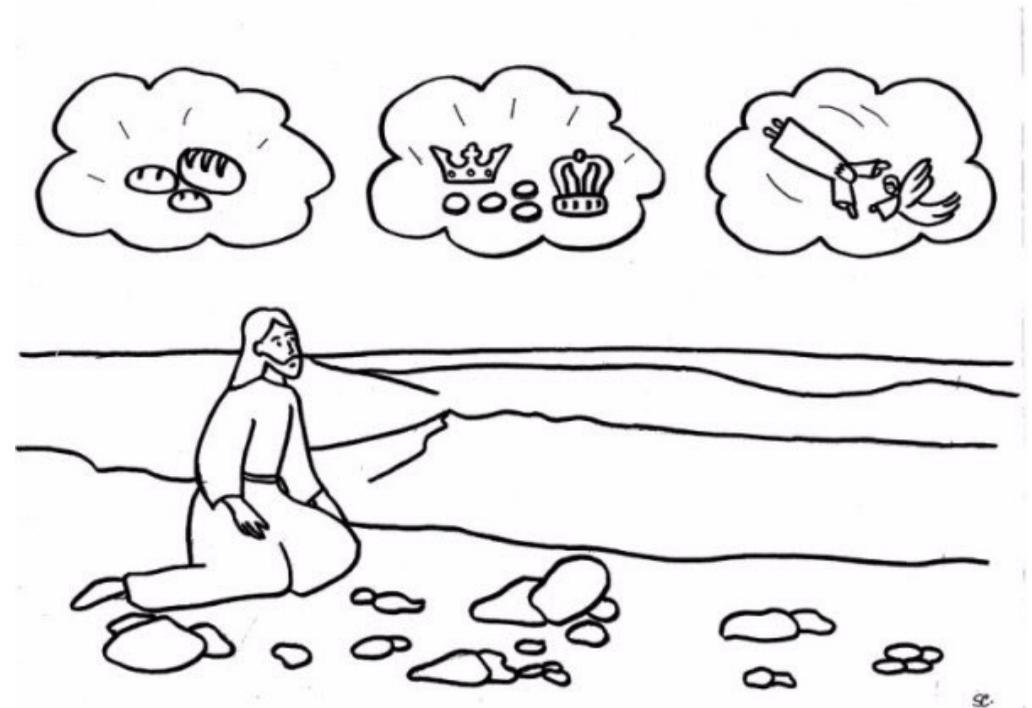


NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH January 27, 2019

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 Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour
Friday, February 1st	2:30 pm	Lounge	Archives
Sunday, February 3rd 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Communion Mission-City Mission	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
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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 *Now to Us Descending* Scott

Introit

Votum Jennifer Fulkerson

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.

- 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.

*Meant for last weekend

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

- The Sunday School is collecting for the Souper Bowl collection for SICM through Super Bowl Sunday. Please help us help SICM! Look for our collectors at coffee hour.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **February 3rd** 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.
- Our Communion Collection for February will benefit The Schenectady City Mission. The City Mission exists to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our community. The Mission's goal is to provide "not only HELP for today, but HOPE for tomorrow" Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- The Parish Life Committee is in need of volunteers to host coffee hours following Sunday morning church services. 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.

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.