

# NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH February 10, 2019

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Sunday, February 10th 5th 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 Potluck Brunch
Monday, February 11th	2:30 pm	Lounge	Archives
	7 pm		M & SC
Tuesday, February 12th	6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall	Mooncatcher Bee
Wednesday, February 13th	2pm	Lounge	WFG
	7 pm	Music Room Lounge	Bells Consistory
Thursday, February 14th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Saturday, February 16th	10 am	Trudy Lehner's home	WBG
Sunday, February 17th 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	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.*

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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 word liturgy is a composite of two Greek words meaning "the work of the people." Worship is our work as the people of God together listening and responding to what God has to say to us. Our liturgy is shaped by our Reformed theology in the three-fold structure of our worship together; Approach, Word, and Response. These match up to the theological themes of Guilt, Grace, and Gratitude that are witnessed in the Reformed confessions.)*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Announcements

Prelude *In the Bleak Midwinter* Christensen

Introit *(from the Latin, "to go in" or "enter", it helps us enter in a space of worship)*

Votum *Mary Park Flanders*

With all that we experience in life, we come together in this space to praise God, desiring a deeper relationship with the divine. In light of that, we proclaim that our help is the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.** *(from the Latin for a vow or prayer, it is an acknowledgement of our help coming from God)*

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **February 17th** are; Ushers: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky & Scott Haefner; Counters: Les Perlee & Suzi O'Brien; Greeter(s): Pat Zink; Coffee Hour: H & A.
- The Sermon text for next week will be **Psalm 1 & Luke 6:17-26.**
- Another opportunity for our congregation to help fight hunger in our community is available. SICM, in partnership with the Niskayuna COOP, will be collecting food items on **Thursday, February 14** from 11-6 PM. See flyer in the Education Building.
- Patty's Place is a program sponsored by SICM. The program reaches out to women in the city with the hope of getting them off the streets. The M & SC has decided to assist Patty's Place in their quest to help women make a better life for themselves. They are in need of the following items: **shampoo, sunscreen, deodorant, feminine-hygiene products, and razors.** Look for the pink box outside Fellowship Hall, to make your donation.
- The WFG will host its fourth annual **MoonCatcher Sewing Bee** in Fellowship Hall on **February 12 from 6:30 - about 8:30 pm.** For more information, visit the MoonCatcher Project website at: [www.mooncatcher.org](http://www.mooncatcher.org). We hope you can join us.
- The Women's Fellowship Group (WFG) is meeting on **Wednesday, February 13** from 2- 4pm.
- The Women's Book Group (WBG) will be meeting on **February 16th** at 10 am at Trudy Lehner's home. Please contact Trudy with questions or if you need directions.
- The Mission & Service Committee (M & SC) is meeting on **February 11th** at 7 pm.
- SICM "Fill the Bowl" fundraiser will be held **Sunday March 3rd.** See flyer in Education Building for more information.
- **Questions,** please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Pastor Jason at [sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org) or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:office@niskayunareformed.org).

\*Benediction (from the Latin, "to speak a good word", it serves as a reminder of God's promises and God's presence as we leave the worship space)

### Benediction Response

\*Postlude *Omo I'a o fi Gbe (Glory Be to the Lord)* Sadoh

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.**

## 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: Bob & Tracy Sacca and John & Deborah Bennett; Counters: Norm Tellier & Steve Avveduti; Greeter (s): Keith & Carol Munro; Coffee Hour: Potluck Brunch.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of Sueko Waterfield by the Waterfield family.
- The Membership Committee is hosting a potluck brunch today, immediately following the service of worship. We hope you'll join us.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The Sunday School is looking for teachers to fill the following positions for the spring session, which begins March 3<sup>rd</sup>:  
**Preschool – teacher & assistant**    **K/1<sup>st</sup> grade – assistant**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade – assistant**        **Middle school – teacher & assistant**  
Please contact Sabrina if you're able to fill any of these positions. We'd love to have you share your gifts with our children!
- There will be a Christian Education Committee (CEC) meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. The Sunday School teachers are welcome to attend!
- Please join us for a Youth Group activity in the Lounge today from 12-1pm. We'll be making a fun craft! There is no cost for this event.

## Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.** (In the spirit of praise, we bear witness to who God is in the call to worship)

\*Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* **1**

\*Salutation and People's Amen

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

**Amen.** (a greeting that reminds us that we are welcome here)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.** (Call to

Confession-The prayer of confession is not a way to induce more shame in our lives, we offer our confession in the confidence that through grace, God has already forgiven us. God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.)

Kyrie Eleison

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

**mercy upon us.** (from the Greek, meaning "Lord, have mercy", it continues the spirit of confession)

## Words of Assurance

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. *(The words of assurance are a reminder that no matter what we have done or not done, there is nothing we can do to make God love us any less, and there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more. God simply loves us.)*

## Call to New Life

Jesus said: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.” **May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!** *(As people who live by the grace of God, we are called to live a renewed life...)*

## \*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.** *(a doxology affirming the Trinitarian nature of God, one God in three persons. A thankful response to the mercy of God and the renewal of our hearts and minds)*

## Anthem

The NRC Youth Choir

## THE WORD OF GOD

## Junior Sermon

## Interlude

## Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** *(this is a prayer for both the*

*congregation and the preacher that the Holy Spirit would act in the reading and hearing of Scripture.)*

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 Bible 62 NT

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

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

\*Hymn Come to the Saviour Now **261**

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Offering *(The offering is an act of worship where we respond to God in thanksgiving by giving back to God some of what God has allowed us to earn. Our offering is not an obligation but rather a joy-filled statement of thanksgiving to God.)*

Offertory Wondrous Love Shackley  
The NRC Senior Choir

\*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration *(a short hymn of praise, thanking God. The words of this doxology come from the final stanza of a much longer hymn written by Anglican Bishop, Thomas Ken, in 1695.)*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession *(During the prayer we come with praise for who God is; with thanksgiving for what God does; and with requests for God to heal, to transform, to renew us and work out all the complicated details of our lives.)*

## 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.** *(from the days of the early church, this prayer has been a central part of worship together. It was the way that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.)*

## Choral Amen

\*Hymn Sing Them Over Again to Me **265**