

Sunday, March 3rd	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Transfiguration Sunday	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
Communion	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
Mission- Synod Ministries Board	11 am	Fellowship Hall Lounge	Coffee Hour Christian Ed Mtg
Monday, March 4th	4:45 pm	City Mission	City Mission
Wednesday, March 6th	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, March 7th	2 pm	Lounge	Safety Comm.
	3:30 pm	Lounge	WFG
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Sunday, March 10th	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
1st Sunday of Lent	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Lounge	Youth Group Event

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.

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH March 3, 2019



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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 *Morning Prelude* Wesley

Introit

Votum Jennifer Fulkerson

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

Call to Worship

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 131

*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Amen.

deodorant, feminine-hygiene products, and razors. The M & SC is collecting items. Look for the pink box outside Fellowship Hall!

- A six-week Lenten Bible Study will begin on Monday, March 11th. Each week there will be two offerings for the bible study: Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 1pm. The theme of the study will be Questions from Jesus. I will be using Matthew Croasnum's book, *Let Me Ask You a Question: Conversations with Jesus*, as a guide. There will be no need to buy the book. Please join us if you can.
- You may place orders for memorial Easter plants by calling Sue Felpel at 518-372-0936, emailing LSFelpel@yahoo.com, or in person at Church or at coffee hours. The lilies are \$8 and azaleas \$16. Please make your check payable to NRC and send to the office or give to Sue. The last day to order will be **April 1st**. Plants may be claimed by donors anytime following the Easter Sunday service.
- Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture ashes or dust symbolize frailty or death (Gen. 18:27), sadness or mourning (Esther 4:3), judgment (Lam. 3:16), and repentance (Jon. 3:6). Some traditions also have considered ash a purifying or cleansing agent. All these images are caught up in the church's use of ashes as a symbol appropriate for Lent. On **March 6th**, there will be two services offered for the imposition of ashes, 2pm and 6:30pm. The services will be short with time for meditation and reflection. Please come if you are able.
- A women's retreat titled "Got Grace?" will be held on **March 23rd** from 9:00-2:30 in Fellowship Hall. Advanced registration is requested by March 18th and an \$8 fee to cover the cost of materials and lunch. Please contact Sue Felpel at LSFelpel@yahoo.com or 518-372-0936 for further information or to register.
- **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.

does not receive funds from the assessments that churches pay every year. All of the ministry events coordinated by the SMB are funded solely by church donations.

- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The Sunday School is looking for the following positions for the spring session, which begins **March 3rd**: **2nd & 3rd grade – assistant**. Please contact Sabrina if you're able to fill any of these positions.
- There will be a Christian Education Committee (CEC) meeting **TODAY** at 11am. The Sunday School teachers are welcome to attend!
- Our March Youth Group event will be on March 10th @ 11:30 am. It will include a talk by Jessica Brennan, Youth Activities Director of Niskayuna Schools. Children and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend this special event! We will be following the talk with a grocery bagging activity to help the hungry in our community on Wednesday, March 13th.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **March 10th** are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink and Norma Lovell; Counters: Paul Alois & Kim Cerone; Greeter(s): The Kreig Family; Coffee Hour: TBD.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 7:36-50**.
- The Parish Life Committee is in need of volunteers to host coffee hours following Sunday morning church services. There are many vacant spots in 2019. Contact Linda Gardner or Donna Gaunay if you are able to help out!
- The City Mission Dinner is **Monday, March 4th** from 4:45-6:45. We need 6 volunteers. Please let Michele Kopp know if are interested in participating at (518) 434-3825 or mishcata@gmail.com
- 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. They are in need of the following items: **shampoo, sunscreen,**

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious God, you have given us the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of sin and death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

Call to New Life

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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.

Welcoming New Members

Chris & Amy Bianchi

Anthem

*Break Forth, O Joyful Heart
The NRC Senior Choir*

Forrest

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:37-49 Bible 65 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* **437**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Open Our Hearts, Lord* Young
The NRC Senior Choir

*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Words of Institution

Communion

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

Please note: The Mission Offering will be collected during the singing of this next hymn.

*Hymn *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* **306**

*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Postlude *Fanfare* *Lemmens*

*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: John & Lynn DelSignore & Harry & Cynthia Kuchera; Counters: Judy Henery, David Perlee & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Lizbeth Amorelli; Coffee Hour: TBD.
- Our Communion Collection for March will go towards the Synod Ministries Board. All of this is funded by donations from individual churches that are part of the Regional Synod of Albany. The SMB