

Sunday, March 17th 2nd Sunday of Lent Bells Sunday	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Educ. Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
	10:45 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
	11 am	Pastor's Office	Confirmation Class
Monday, March 18th	7 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
Thursday, March 21st	1pm	Lounge	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Saturday, March 23rd	9 am	Fellowship Hall	Women's Retreat
Sunday, March 24th 3rd Sunday of Lent	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
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Mission Statement

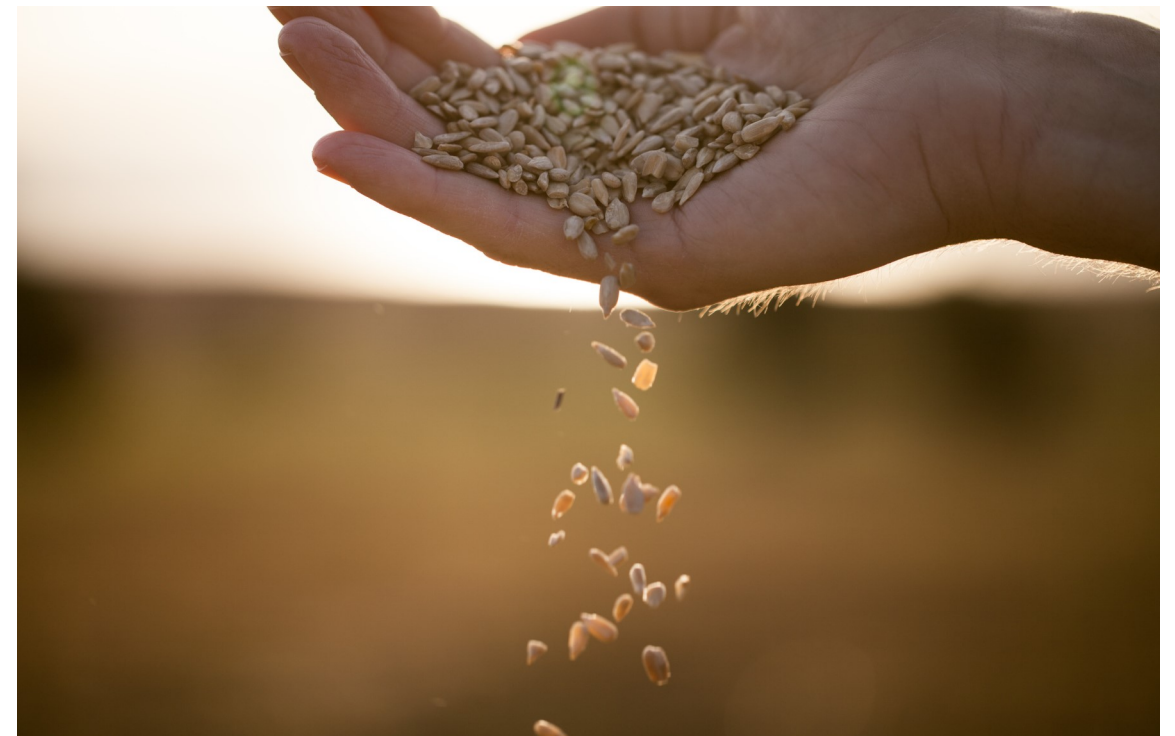
Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.

Niskayuna Reformed Church

March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent



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As we gather together in worship, may you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. May God quiet your heart so that you may hear God's voice and sense the power of God's presence.

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. Please help us to get to know you by meeting the greeter at the rear of the sanctuary to receive a visitor's bag of information about our church.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Announcements

Prelude

O Danny Boy
The Eendracht Bell Choir Traditional
Bell Transcription J.S. Friderici

Votum

Scott Haefner

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

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship and rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*Hymn

Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him

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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 are \$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.
- 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.
- A big thank you goes out to the following NRC helpers for serving 170 dinners at the Schenectady City Mission on **Monday March 4th**. Kim Cerone, Suzi O'Brien, Maureen Rizzi and Lizbeth Amorelli donated their time, energy and love to make a difference in their community, following in the way of Christ. NRC is blessed.
- Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode, if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.
- **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 & Jennifer Fulkerson; Counters: Lyle Eldred & Les Perlee; Greeter(s): Charles Del Signore & Mary Ivey; Coffee Hour: Bill McCann.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Addison Kreig & Benjamin Wood.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **March 24th** are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim & Leo Lichtig; Counters: Norm Tellier & Alan Holmes; Greeter(s): Leo & Sue Lichtig; Coffee Hour: Politano & Perlee.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 13:1-9**
- The Parish Life Committee is in need of volunteers to host coffee hours following Sunday morning church services. There are still **many** vacant spots! Contact Linda Gardner or Donna Gaunay if you are able to help out!
- **TWO USHERS NEEDED:** Barb Sim, the coordinator of the ushers' schedule needs your help. The ushers rotation is every eight weeks. If you can help, please contact Barb at thumpersgram@verizon.net or **518-878-5631.**
- 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, deodorant, feminine-hygiene products, and razors.** The M & SC is collecting items until **March 31st.** Look for the pink box outside Fellowship Hall!
- A six-week Lenten Bible Study is being offered. Each week there will be two offerings for the bible study: Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 1pm and will run through, **Thursday, April 11th.** The theme of the study will be Questions from Jesus. I will be using Matthew Croasnum's book, *Let Me*

*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Lenten Testimony

Suzi O'Brien

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Call to New Life

Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you."
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 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
The Eendracht Bell Choir
Conrad Kocher
Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Send your Spirit among us, O God, prepare our minds to hear your Word. Move our hearts to accept what we hear. Purify our will to obey in joy and faith. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 8:4-15 Bible 67 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *O Lord of Life, to Thee We Lift* **256**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Theme and Variations on "St. Thomas"*
The Eendracht Bell Choir
Aaron Williams, 1763
Arr. by David Peninger

*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 *Open My Eyes, that I May See* **390**
*Benediction
*Postlude *Supplication* Mendelssohn

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.