

Sunday, September 22nd 15th Sunday after Pentecost	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Educ. Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
	10:45 am	Room 103	Cherubs Choir
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Wednesday, September 25th	7 pm	Music Room	Bell Choir
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
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Saturday, September 28th	9 am	Church Campus	Flea Market
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Sunday, September 29th 16th Sunday after Pentecost	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
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Niskayuna Reformed Church

September 22, 2019

15th Sunday after Pentecost



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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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 Come, Thou Fount Berry
(In the setting of Tschaikowsky's "Concerto, Op. 23")

Introit

Votum Lynne Barnard-Avveduti

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

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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study. The book can be purchased before we begin, or Pastor Jason can order a copy for you. Please contact Pastor Jason with any questions.

- Our 43rd Annual Flea Market is on **Saturday, September 28th** from 9 am - 4 pm. We need your help! To sign up, there are volunteer sheets in the Education Building and in the back of the narthex or call Donna Gaunay.
- The annual Senior Member Luncheon will take place this year on **Monday, October 7th** at noon. All members of our congregation who are of retirement age are welcome. Our meal will be cooked by Paul and Cyndy Brownsey. Dessert will be prepared by the famous NRC pie bakers. Entertainment will be provided by local storyteller, Ceil Mack. It is sure to be an enjoyable and memorable event. If you'd like to attend, please call the church office at 518-785-5575 to RSVP by **October 4th**.
- The order for offering envelopes is due soon. If you are a new member or a regular giver, you can be given an envelope number so you can track your contributions and receive a contribution statement. If you no longer want envelopes, please let us know. If you wish to remain the same as last year, no need to contact the office. The deadline is **October 1st** so please let Ellen know ASAP. Thank you for your attention to this!
- Many thanks to our NRC volunteers who worked diligently to serve over 200 meals at the Schenectady City Mission on Monday **September 9th**. Many families and children were present to enjoy Sloppy Joe's, mac and cheese, spaghetti and meatballs and traditional chicken-our staff had to be quick on their feet in order to keep up. The kindness and energy of Ron and Barb Valenti, Jeff Rivenburg, Lynne Barnard-Avveduti, Joan Peebles and Sam Fornaro is to be commended.
- 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: Jack Faddegon, Carol Carr, Linda Gardner & Linda Matt; Counter: Judy Henery & Suzi O'Brien; Greeter(s): Jon & Kim Waxman; Coffee Hour: Christian Ed.
- Today, we continue with our ministry emphasis interviews. This is an opportunity for us to learn more about the ministries going on at Niskayuna Reformed Church. Today we will learn about the work of the Personnel Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Holly Neugebauer.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **September 29th** are; Ushers: Bob & Tracy Sacca and John & Deborah Bennett; Counter: Les Perlee & Sue Felpel; Greeter(s): Barbara Sim; Coffee Hour: Personnel.
- The SICM Food Pantry needs our support to maintain its commitment to feeding the hungry. The M & SC has come up with a monthly food collection plan-each month, we will focus on collecting one specific food item. If you prefer, monetary support is always welcome. There is a green box located in the narthex for that purpose.

September: canned spaghetti sauce

October: baby wipes, diapers and baby food (plastic containers)

- Pastor Jason will be starting a book study for the fall on **Monday, September 30th** at 7pm. The study will last seven weeks, going through *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Enns. *The Bible Tells Me So* chronicles Enns's spiritual odyssey, how he came to see beyond restrictive doctrine and learned to embrace God's Word as it is actually written. As he explores questions progressive evangelical readers of Scripture commonly face yet fear voicing, Enns reveals that they are the very questions that God wants us to consider—the essence of our spiritual

*Salutation and People's Amen

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

Ministry Emphasis Interview

Personnel Committee

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

O gracious and gentle God, we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O God. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

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

Be Still, and Know That I am God
The NRC Senior Choir

Lantz

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude (Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord, as we hear your word proclaimed may it be for us truly good news, a gospel not of human origin, but a revelation given through Jesus Christ, made alive to us through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 1-17; 3:1-9 Bible 165-167 NT

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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*Hymn

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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Second tune

*Benediction

Benediction Response

*Postlude

Blessed Assurance

Ritter/Knapp

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Choral Amen

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.