

Sunday, February 16th 6th Sunday after Epiphany	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Music Room	Sr. Choir Worship Service Coffee Hour Youth Choir
Monday, February 17th			Office Closed
Wednesday, February 19th	7 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary	Bell Choir Senior Choir
Sunday, February 23rd Transfiguration Sunday	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Music Room	Sr. Choir Worship Service Coffee Hour Youth Choir

***Niskayuna Reformed Church
February 16, 2020
6th Sunday after Epiphany***

**You Have
Heard It
Said..**

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 "As the Sun Doth Daily Rise" (*Innocents*)
Chorale and Variations
I. Lightly II. Gently III. Briskly IV. Broadly
Raymond H. Haan

Introit

Votum Suzi O'Brien
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Amen.

Call to Worship

O Lord, my lips will pour forth praise,
because you teach me your statutes.
My tongue will sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are right.

Saturday, March 7th from 9:30am – 2pm. We will be hosting a day-long congregational retreat focused on developing an authentic relationship with God, yourself, and others. Flyers will be available to take at coffee hour. You can register through the church website or through a sign-up sheet at coffee hour. Please contact Pastor Jason with any questions.

- Five volunteers needed to serve dinner at the on **March 17** from 4:45-6:30, St. Patrick's Day!! Wear your "Green" and celebrate the day with our Schenectady neighbors. Contact Michele Kopp at mishcata@gmail.com if you are able to help out.
- You may place your order 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. The last day to order is **March 15**. Please make your check payable to Niskayuna Reformed Church (memo line: Easter plants) and give to Sue, place in collection plate, or mail to the church. Plants may be claimed by donors anytime following the service on Easter Sunday.
- Ash Wednesday is on **February 26th**. The church will be open for anyone to receive ashes from 8AM – 10AM, 1PM – 2PM, and 6PM – 7PM.
- NRC's Congregational Care Committee attempts to minister to those members in our congregation who are in care facilities, are elderly, or homebound. As our congregation ages, we have more members who require visitations. The NRC Communion Team makes visits about every 6-8 weeks to those who have requested communion. To date, we have six Elders or Deacons who make those calls. If you have served as an Elder or a Deacon, we invite you to consider joining the Communion Team. If you know of someone who might want a visit from the team, please contact the church office with that information also. Thank you for your consideration.
- 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: Les Perlee & Suzi O'Brien; Greeter(s): Pat Zink; Coffee Hour: Pie Sunday.
- We welcome back our guest organist today, David A. Vredenburg. David, a native of Mechanicville, is a member of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and, before retiring, served as Organ Consultant for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and chair of the music subcommittee of its Diocesan Liturgical Commission, in addition to having served locally as church musician in various diocesan parishes. Since organists are an increasingly rare phenomenon, he is kept busy as guest organist throughout the wider Capital District.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Benjamin Groudine.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **February 23rd** are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink and Norma Lovell; Counters: Maureen Rizzi and Glenn Kreig; Greeter(s): Bob & Tracy Sacca; Coffee Hour: Harry & Cynthia Kuchera.
- The Sermon text next week: **2 Peter 1:16-21 & Matthew 17:1-9.**
- The SICM Food Pantry needs our support to maintain its commitment to feeding the hungry. If you prefer, monetary support is always welcome. A green box is located in the narthex for that purpose. **February-**collecting canned soup and stew (pop-top lids please) as well as 2020 calendars.
- Have you ever wondered about how to deepen your relationship with God, family, and friends? Mark your calendars for an event on

*Hymn

As the Sun Doth Daily Rise

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*Salutation and the People's Amen

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, we confess that have criticized those who have fallen short of following your commandments and selfishly proclaimed ourselves righteous. We have failed to understand the spirit of the commandments and the Way that was shown by You to live, loving God and loving our neighbors. Forgive us for turning Your law into burdens for others and ourselves, instead of a Way to love and freedom in You. In the name of Christ, who has given us the Way and leads us on, we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

You are loved. Love is the Way. When you love God, you love others. When you truly lay down your life for others, you lay down your life for God. Give yourself to God by serving others. Know that in God's love there is forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. Amen.

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 *Lord, Here am I* Ness Beck
The NRC Senior 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.

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 5:21-37* Bible 4-5 NT

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

Sermon Reverend Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *How I Love Thy Law, O Lord!* **253**

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *No Greater Gift* Schram
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 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

78 (second tune)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *"God Be With You"* setting, Ann Buys

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.