

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King Sunday <i>In gathering of fruits and vegetables</i>	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Ed. Building	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, November 25	7:00 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, November 26		Office Closed	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27		Office Closed	
Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Cherubs
		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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Each member and friend
 The Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy
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 Rick Wallace

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 Interim Pastor
 Treasurer
 Organist
 Director of Music
 Church Administrator
 Director of Bell Choir
 Director of Nursery School
 Cemetery Superintendent
 Teacher, Nursery School
 Church Sexton

NRC 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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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday

9:30 am

November 22, 2015

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.

Announcements

Personal Reflection

Israel had experienced kings that were peculiar and corrupt. Still, they longed for a king to set things right. He would have the title of "The Anointed One" (Messiah) and he would be "one like a human being" (Son of Man). Jesus is given these titles even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His kingdom is not of this earth. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness. Those who recognize the truth, recognize his voice and listen to it. We look forward to the day when our prayer will be answered: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done.". Do you know him as the Lord and King of your life?

Prelude *Give Thanks* *Smith*

Introit

Votum *Mary Ivey*

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

The Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**Lift them high, O everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in,**

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

there: ...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get **...after** the divorce papers are served and the bottomfalls out of your life **...after** the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you **...after** the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there is nothing more we can do." **...after** the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home." **...after** the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away-and the house suddenly seems empty **...after** the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on and your loved one is led away...**after** the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible...**after** you find a pink slip with your final paycheck...**after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out. Stephen Ministers are the "**After People**". They are ready to come alongside you or your friends, coworkers, neighbors or relatives-and provide comfort and support for as long **after** as needed. Stephen Ministry is a ministry of one to one Christian caregiving in which a trained Stephen Minister confidentially comes alongside a person experiencing a life crisis in order to listen and be present for as long as necessary. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Bonnie Wood at bwood13@nycap.rr.com (preferred) or 374-4302.

- The Consistory is preparing ballots for the upcoming December Consistory election. We need to elect both Deacons & Elders to serve two year terms. This is a very important mission in the life of our church. It is here that decisions are made that effect our entire congregation. If you, or someone you know is interested in submitting their name or just want to find out more, please contact any member of Consistory. Here are some members in case you don't know who is on the consistory- Paul Szakats, Charles Del Signore and Barb Valenti.
- Next Sunday, November 29th is the 1st week of Advent.

TODAY

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. May this time of praising God and learning of His plan for our lives 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.

- 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 Bldg.
- Our greeter(s) today: The Alois Family
- Today is our "in-gathering" of fresh fruits and vegetables for the "Concerned for the Hungry, Inc." Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Reagan Bogus, Kayden Craver and Leslie Perlee.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for 11/29 are; Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman and Barbara Sim; Counters: Sharon Rice-Herbst, Steve Avveduti and Monica Tryon; Greeter(s): John & Deborah Bennett; Coffee: The Lindsays.
- The general offering for last week was \$5,902, which is 53% more than last year's offering of \$3,865.
- There is a bible study every Thursday at noon till December 17th, except on Thanksgiving. The focus will be Christmas and the coming of the Messiah.
- You may now place orders for memorial poinsettias by contacting Sue Felpel @ 372-0936 or LSFelpel@yahoo.com. The cost is \$7 per plant. The last day to order is December 13th. Please make your check payable to NRC and send payments to the office ATTN: Sue Felpel. The plants will be displayed beginning December 20th, and may be claimed anytime following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
- People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the **After People. Stephen Ministers are**

*Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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*The Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

Welcome to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has brought us together into the presence of the Father, to remember loved ones and those in need, to give thanks, to make our confession and to seek forgiveness, to be encouraged to forgive, to be enlightened and strengthened here in the quietness of God's love and mercy. Let every heart be prepared to make room for our God and King. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, you have crowned your Son, our Savior, as Lord of all. We confess that we have not humbled ourselves before him and we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give our allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by his justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us, O Lord. Teach us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, so that we may be his loyal followers, obeying his commands, and living as if indeed, he is King and Lord of our lives. Amen. (continue in silent reflection)

The Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Paul the Apostle compared our righteousness to a pile of filthy rags. He brought our attention to the truth that we cannot do anything that would enable us to claim to be upright and virtuous. But he also reminds us that now we can stand before God, as if we had committed no sin at all, through Christ, who has clothed us in his righteousness. Receive this grace and live at peace.

The Law of God

Now let your thanksgiving be made known to God by loving Him with all your heart and soul and with all your strength and mind. And let the love and mercy of God be made known to others by loving them, in the same way that you love yourself. **Amen.**

*The 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 *Thanksgiving Dinner* *Tisch*
 The NRC Cherub Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

The Junior Sermon

Interlude (Sunday School is dismissed)

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, learn and inwardly accept them, that we may embrace and hold fast to the hope of everlasting life, which you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 7: 9-10; 13-14 Bible page 828 OT

Epistle Lesson Colossians 1: 15-20 Bible page 200 NT

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 23: 32-43 Bible page 89 NT

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

*Hymn ***Joy to the World!*** **161**

Sermon “Finding the Key to the Kingdom”
 Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The Offering

The Offertory *Sanctus* *Gounod*
 John Burger, Soloist; The NRC Senior Choir

Translation
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus,
Sanctus, Sanctus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sut caeli et terra, gloria tua.
Hosanna, Hossana in excelsis. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God,
Holy, Holy, God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

*The Doxology **544** and Prayer of Consecration

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The 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.***

The Choral Amen

*Hymn ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** **213**

*The Benediction

The Benediction Response

*The Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* *Bach*

*Those who are able, please stand.
Congregational responses are printed in bold type.