

THIS WEEK

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 Fellowship Hall	Cherubs Coffee Hour
Monday, November 30	7:00 pm	Pastor's Office	Stephen Ministers
Wednesday, December 2	7:00 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, December 3	12:00 pm	Lounge	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Lounge	Finance
	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Senior Choir
Sunday, December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent Communion	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	Sanctuary	Cherubs
	10:30 am	Lounge	Bible Study
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
4:00 pm	Fellowship Hall	Christmas Concert	



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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FOUNDED IN 1750

Each member and friend
 The Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy
 Paul Alois
 Rebecca Benjamin
 Andrew Burger
 Ellen Gauna
 Norma Lovell
 Kathy Mausert
 Lester Perlee
 Wendy Sims
 Rick Wallace

Ministers
 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.

Church Office Information:

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

November 29, 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

*Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage.
Wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)*

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Broughton

Introit

Votum John Moak

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

*Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* 152

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Tully Family

Hymn—selected verses (insert) sung to the tune of 147

The Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we confess that we easily give in to our doubts and fears. Hopelessness and uncertainty invade our thoughts with ease. We find it difficult to put our trust in anyone but ourselves. Then, we become easy prey for suspicion and mistrust and we are carried further away from you. Renew within us the hope of the ages.

- There will be a Congregational Meeting on December 13th following the service of worship. 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
- If you can help make Christmas brighter for someone in need, please take an angel from the tree outside the office area of the Education Building. The angels are for Northern Rivers (formally known as Northeast Parent and Child). Directions are on the angels. Please drop off your items by **December 13th**. Thanks for sharing and caring!
- The Christmas tree downstairs in the Education Building is ready to be adorned with mittens, gloves, hat and scarves for those in need. Please have them on the tree by **December 13th**. Thanks for your generosity.
- Teddy Bear Sunday is December 6. Bring your favorite teddy bear to church! Teddy bears are symbolic of love, faithfulness and comfort in the world, three things we hope for as we journey through this season of Advent.
- Our extra communion collection on December 6th will benefit our own mission group who will use your donations for our "soup kitchen" expenses. Our church works at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 6-8x per year. Our dedicated group of volunteers shop, prepare and serve the meal. We are budgeting about \$1000 a year. Your giving will help us with these expenses.

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: John & Deborah Bennett

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Sarah Ide.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **12/06** are; Ushers: Jack Faddegon, Elaine O'Connell, Paul Szakats and Linda Matt; Counters: Alan Holmes, Les Perlee and Glenn Kreig; Greeter(s): Bill McCann; Coffee: The Perlees.
- All items for the Christmas Eve bulletins and December 27th bulletin are due on **Monday, December 14th!!!** This includes any announcements and music etc. Thanks for your help with this!!
- The general offering for last week was \$3,970, which is 39% more than last year's offering of \$2,425.
- The flowers on the communion table are in loving memory of her daughter, Donna Male Barrows and niece, Morgan by Marie Male.
- There is a bible study every Thursday at noon till December 17th. 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.

Strengthen our faith in you and by your forgiveness, bring to pass the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ. 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

The God who has promised never to leave or forsake us, has come to us in Jesus Christ, to bind up the brokenhearted, to heal our infirmities and to relieve the burden of our sin. Be of good courage and rejoice, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. **Thanks be to God.**

The Law of God

Now go forth to live in the light of these two commandments - Love God with all your heart, mind, strength and soul. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. In doing this, we will fulfill all that the law requires of us. **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

*And the Glory of the Lord
The NRC Senior Choir*

Handel

THE WORD OF GOD

The Junior Sermon

Interlude (Sunday School is dismissed)

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jaclyn Clemmer

Alan Clemmer

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Shine within our hearts, O loving Lord, with the pure light of your Word. Open the eyes of our minds and the ears of our hearts that we may hear and understand the message of your gospel and go forth living our lives to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33: 6-11; 14 Bible page 737-738 OT

Epistle Lesson Romans 8: 18-28 Bible page 158 NT

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 21-24 Bible page 71 NT

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

*Hymn **Watchman, Tell Us of the Night** **149**

Sermon “Waiting for Good Things to Happen”
Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The Offering

The Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* *Bach*
The NRC Senior Choir

*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 ***Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*** **163**

*The Benediction

The Benediction Response

*The Postlude *Preparation for the King* *Corelli/Mansfield*

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold type.