



NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 am

December 20, 2015

A Service of Lessons and Carols

featuring selections from Christmas Carols, A setting arranged by Ola Gjeilo, and adapted for orchestra, soprano, solo, and choir, by Andrew Burger

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

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Introit

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Wood Family

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

Votum

*Hymn *Oh Come All Ye Faithful* **170**

Reading John 1: 1-5; 10-14; 16,17 In the Beginning....
Bonnie Wood

In the Bleak Midwinter

Reading Luke 2: 8-14 The Visit of the Angels
Lynne Barnard-Avveduti

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 20 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> Music Sunday Special Mission-Mission & Service	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Ed. Building Sanctuary Music Room Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Cherubs Youth Choir Congregational Christmas Party
Thursday, December 24	5 pm 11 pm	Sanctuary Sanctuary	Children's Service Candlelight Service
Friday, December 25 Christmas		Office Closed	Merry Christmas
Sunday, December 27 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Music Room Sanctuary Room 104 Fellowship Hall	Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Cherubs Coffee Hour

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.



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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 FOUNDED IN 1750

Each member and friend
 The Reverend Paul C. Ferenczy
 Paul Alois
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

*Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	158
Anthem	<i>Away in the Manger with the NRC Youth Choir</i>	
Reading	Luke 2:15-20	Visit of the Shepherds
		John Bennett
		<i>Away in the Manger</i>
The Offering		
The Offertory	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	
*The Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration		
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession		
The Lord's Prayer		
	<i>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.</i>	
Reading	Matthew 1: 18-25	The Birth of Jesus
		Trudy Lehner
Special Collection		
	<i>Please note: The Mission Offering will be collected during the singing of this next hymn</i>	
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World!</i>	161
Benediction		

Benediction Response The First Nowell
Please be seated for the last selection
Postlude Joy to the World (reprise)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold type.

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: Doug & Linda Williams.
- Joining us as our soprano soloist for today is Christina Pizzino-Catalano. Our instrumentalists are: Marla Bracco and Tom Baxter, violins. Marion Winekipper, viola. Brian Mooney, cello. Bradley Closson, bass. Daulton Mysliwicz, trumpet. And Dave Paul, trombone.
- Today's special collection is for the Mission & Service Committee. Our mission is to serve Christ by reaching out to others within our church, our community, our denomination, and abroad with human and financial resources. Please support this wonderful ministry.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Elana Benner, Joy Keat, Bria LaBella, Haleigh McGraw, Sophia Mrazik, Greta Putz and Dylan Trudeau.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for December **27** are; Ushers: Richard Mizenko, Peter & Thelma Ford and Bonnie Wood; Counters: Les Perlee & Nancy Lindsay; Greeter(s): Ellen Doss; Coffee: The Lindsays.
- The general offering for last week was \$5,366, which is 20% more than last year's offering of \$4,483.
- Your Stewardship Committee thanks all of you for your estimates of giving for next year. We are grateful of your support of the many ministries of Niskayuna Reformed Church. If you have not turned in your estimate there is still time. Feel free to contact Ellen at the church office for a form. We look forward to a fruitful 2016.
- The **Gratitude Circle** will meet on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 PM in Room 104. Please join us as we review Chapter 3 of the booklet, Women of the Old Testament, covering the story of Miriam (Numbers 12), "A Critical Spirit." Each session stands on its own, so please join us whenever you can. We welcome your thoughts and contributions to the discussion. Pick up your 2016 offering envelopes in the Education Building right outside the church offices. If you would like to have envelopes for 2016, please sign the sheet.
- Ellen will be on vacation 12/28-12/31. Pastor Paul will be available between 11 am –2 pm to answer the phone. *(If you can wait till Ellen returns on January 4th, please do so.)*
- The following is a list of our 2016 Consistory: **Mel Burger, Dominic Andriano, Michele Kopp, Kim Cerone, Diane Pechulis, Trudy Lehner, Cindy Strassenburgh, Gary Male, Barb Valenti, Les Perlee, Eleanor Van Pelt and Ron Ricard.**