

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, July 31st</b> <b>11th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall	Worship Service <i>Lemonade on the Lawn (LOL)*</i>  <i>*Coffee will also be served.</i>
<b>Tuesday, August 2nd</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Property
<b>Sunday, August 7th</b> <b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Mission-Schoharie</b> <b>Reformed Church</b>	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall	Worship Service <i>Lemonade on the Lawn (LOL)*</i>  <i>*Coffee will also be served.</i>



The Niskayuna Reformed Church  
3041 TROY-SCHENECTADY ROAD  
NISKAYUNA, NEW YORK 12309  
FOUNDED IN 1750

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

Ministers  
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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

July 31, 2016

## 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

\*\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *I Can Only Imagine* Millard  
*Rebecca Spinner, flute*

Votum Lynne Barnard-Avveduti

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

The Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,**

**O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

For you are great and do wondrous things,

**you alone are God.**

\*Hymn *This is My Father's World* 101

Salutation and Peoples' Amen

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from  
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love. **Amen.**

- The Membership Committee's mission is to make more people aware of our church's activities, as well as helping to make the church more inviting to visitors. The Technology Team's mission is to take care of our church's technological needs as a means to enhance our ministry goals. Areas would include audio-visual, electronics, computers, and communications. The Membership Committee and the Technology Team are vital parts of our ministry. Both of these committees are in need of co-chairs. If you have a passion or gifting for one of these areas please contact Trudy Lehner, Dominic Andriano, Mel Burger, or Pastor Jason.
- Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner or make desserts for the City Mission Dinner on **August 15th**. Please contact Michele Kopp @ 393-0419 or mishcata@gmail.com, if you are able to help.
- Brooks BBQ is coming again! We are seeking volunteers to work outside and in the kitchen. We also need dozens and dozens of Brownies! Brownies should be plain chocolate (NO NUTS PLEASE), cut into 3" x 3" squares, and individually wrapped. This is a fun, fellowship activity that allows you to get involved with your church. Our Fall BBQ will be held on **Tuesday, August 30th**, between 3-6 pm or until sold out. Sign up sheets will be coming out soon, so please sign up to help!
- School is no longer in session and the breakfast and lunch programs provided to all children in Schenectady Public Schools are not in operation during the summer months. SICM is filling the gap this summer by providing breakfast and lunch to hungry children at their designated sites. NRC will continue to help staff at Wallingford Park during the week **August 1st- August 5th**. We are seeking volunteers to help with this program. The hours are 12:25 pm-2:00 pm. Please remember to wear a hat and sneakers. Contact Monica Tryon to participate at 377-6179. Thank you for your support.

## 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: Dug & Sharon Jackson.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in loving memory of Nancy and Walter Dyke by their daughter, Sue Felpel.
- Our Communion Collection next weekend will help the Schoharie Reformed Church (SRC). The SRC played a pivotal role in flood recovery about 5 years ago when tropical storms Irene and Lee devastated Schoharie and other areas in the region. SRC is focused on fixing a church building that was more badly damaged by the flood than initially realized. SRC still needs about \$322,000. Please consider their needs. Representatives from SRC will be speaking today.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Samuel Bashant, Alexis Burger, Bryan Flores, Caroline Gaul, Alexa LaBella, Violet Laflin, McKenzie Munro, Caroline Tromblee, Emily Wood and Abigail Wright.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **August 7th**: Ushers: Jeff Rivenburg, Dug Jackson, Brian Maclutsky and Lauren Groudine; Counters: Peter Nickel, David Perlee and Paul Alois; Greeter(s): John & Karen Moak; Coffee Hour: The Kreig Family.

The Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of love and mercy, as humans we are easily led astray by our own desires. We pursue things that do not glorify you. Lord God, help us to hear your call to repentance. Do not let us forget your promise of grace. May we turn to you, and live according to your will. 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

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

The Call to New Life

Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed—and he is your life—you, too, will be revealed with him in glory.

\*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.***

Special Music

*O Rest in the Lord*  
*David Michael Benjamin Jr., soloist*

*Mendelssohn*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Mission of the Month – Schoharie Reformed Church

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson      Jonah 4: 1-11      Bible pages 861 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn      *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*      110

Sermon      “What’s Up with Jonah?”  
Reverend Jason Fulkerson

Silence

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

**THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

The Offering

The Offertory      *It Is No Secret What God Can Do*      *Hamblen*  
*Rebecca Spinner, flute*

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.***

\*Hymn      *I Love to Tell the Story*      383

\*The Benediction

The Postlude      *Variations on a Theme*      *Haydn-Brahms*

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

\*\*We encourage you to fellowship with our church family members by passing of peace prior to the beginning of the church service.