

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 4th 16th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Mission- Deacon's Fund	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall	Worship Service <i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
Monday, September 5th		Labor Day	Office Closed
Tuesday, September 6th	7 pm	Lounge	Property
Wednesday, September 7th	7 pm	Lounge	Membership
Thursday, September 8th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Saturday, September 10th	10 am	Trudy Lehner's home	Book Club
Sunday, September 11th 17th Sunday after Pentecost	8:30 am 8:45 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Courtyard Music Room Sanctuary Education Building Room 104 Fellowship Hall	9-11 Service Sr. Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Sunday School Cherubs <i>Coffee Hour</i>

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 Jason Fulkerson
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Lester Perlee
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Organist
Director of Music
Church Administrator
Director of Bell Choir
Director of Nursery School
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Teacher, Nursery School
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

September 4, 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach

Votum Sharon Rice-Herbst

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

The Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with
singing.**

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all
generations.**

*Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* 9

*Salutation and Peoples' Amen

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

- On Sunday, September 11th at 8:30 am a ceremony will be held in the courtyard to remember the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. Members of the fire & police departments, town officials, and other clergy will be in attendance. This ceremony is open to anyone who would like to attend. After the ceremony, Sunday worship will take place at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jason.
- Our 40th Annual Flea Market is on September 24th from 9 am– 4 pm. There are still spots available if you are interested in being a vendor. Please call the church office @ 785-5575. Volunteer sheets are posted in the Education Building and Narthex. Please help make this event a success.
- The History & Archives Committee has organized a historical cemetery tour to take place on Saturday, October 1, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The tour will include the history of several military graves dating back to the American Revolution, graves of former pastors and church members, and Dutch funeral customs. There will be five 50-minute guided tours of the cemetery along with an ongoing indoor video presentation. Advance reservations and walk-ins are welcome. A donation of \$6 per person is suggested to help defray costs. Cider and donuts will be provided free of charge.
- 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 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.
- There will be a blood drive on Friday, September 9th from 1-7 pm at the Niskayuna Fire Company on Rt. 7. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

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.

- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- 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.
- The communion offering today will be for our church's Deacon's fund. This fund is used by the Pastor for people in our community with a special need, for example rent or grocery money for someone out of work, or for items needed when one has experienced the loss of a home through fire, etc. Please help fund this account so that we can help those in need.
- Our greeter(s) today: Cindy Nous

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Madelyn Gernand and Emily Oropallo.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **September 11th**: Ushers: Glenn Kreig, Jon Waxman, Barbara Sim and Betty Engler; Counters: Ron Valenti, Steve Avveduti and Paul Alois; Greeter(s): David & Nancy Guest and Nancy Okonski; Coffee Hour: Information Sunday/ Stewardship Committee.
- Pastor Jason will return from vacation on Tuesday, September 6th.
- Sunday September 11th is a special day! Plan to join us after worship at the coffee hour. You will be able to learn more about the work of NRC and offer to use your special gifts in our work. Our many ministries will be on display and you will have an opportunity to interact with those involved with them. Join us, for a special time and some delightful snacks as well.
- Part-time help needed in the cemetery this summer. Please contact the church office or Les Perlee @ 785-3431, if interested.

The Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we come before you this morning knowing the ways in which we fall short of your will. We ignore you too often, Lord, wrapped up in our own desires. We get easily distracted and lose our focus on you. We forget to speak words of mercy and grace in a world full of hate. Forgive us Lord, as you have promised. Renew our hearts and minds that we may serve you fully. 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

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. People of God, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. It is God who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

The Call to New Life

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them.

*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

Praeludium in D-Minor

Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson Psalm 1 Bible page 489 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson Luke 14: 25-33 Bible pages 78 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn *Sing Them Over Again to Me* 265

Sermon "You Expect Me to Do What?"
Rev. Norman Tellier

Silence

The Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Offering

The Offertory *Give Thanks* Smith

The Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

The Service of Holy Communion

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer:

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty.....we worship and
adore your glorious name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

.....Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

The words of institution

Our Communion with Christ and one another

Thanksgiving after Communion

The Prayers of Thanksgiving

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.***

***Please note: The Mission Offering will be collected during the
singing of this next hymn.***

*Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (first tune)* 78

*The Benediction

The Postlude *I Sing to the Lord on High* Livingston

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold type.

**We encourage you to fellowship with our church family by passing the
peace prior to the beginning of the church service and joining us in our
fellowship hour in the church hall after the service.