

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, February 5th</b> <b>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Mission-Schenectady City Mission</b>	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall 2nd Parsonage	Youth Choir Cherubs <i>Coffee Hour</i> <i>"2nd Parsonage"</i> <i>Open House</i>
<b>Tuesday, February 7th</b>	7 pm	Lounge	Property
<b>Wednesday, February 8th</b>	7 pm	Music Room Lounge	Bells Consistory
<b>Thursday, February 9th</b>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lounge Sanctuary	Archives Sr. Choir Practice
<b>Sunday, February 12th</b> <b>6th Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Bldg	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs <i>Coffee Hour</i>
	11:15 am	Lounge	<i>Sermon Reflection</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  
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 Andrew Burger  
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 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.

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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

## NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 am

February 4, 2017

### 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

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

*Christensen*

Introit

Votum

Jennifer Fulkerson

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

The Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the  
Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of  
worship and always.**

\*Hymn

*Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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\*The Salutation and the People's Amen

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in knowing God and Jesus our  
Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (*Take a moment to offer a personal prayer of confession*)

interested, please contact Michele Kopp at: [393-0419](tel:393-0419)

or [mishcata@gmail.com](mailto:mishcata@gmail.com). We'll also be collecting baked goods, which can  
be dropped off in the kitchen by 3:30 pm that day. Thank you for your  
support.

- The Sermon Reflection start date has been changed to **February 12th**  
because of the Open House at the "2nd Parsonage". Please join us for a  
Sermon Reflection in the Lounge from 11:15 am, following our Coffee  
Hour.
- Next Sunday, February 12th, we will honoring our Boy Scouts both past  
and present in our church and community. Please join us in celebrating  
this great organization.

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: David & Joyce Anderson.
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- There will be an Open House today at the "Second Parsonage", immediately following Coffee Hour. Please join us for a tour of the newly renovated home that is now ready for new tenants. Linda Matt, our in-house professional Real Estate agent will start listing it during the 1st week of February.
- The Communion Collection today is for Schenectady City Mission.
- The flowers on the piano today are in memory of Jean Morse, whose memorial service was yesterday.

### YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to Blaine Benner, Amanda Burger, Abigale Davis & Owen Hughes.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **February 12**: Ushers: Erik & Linda Gebhardt and John & Lynn DelSignore; Counters: Sharon Rice-Herbst, Alan Holmes & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Keith & Carol Munro.
- With the new year fast approaching, M & SC is looking ahead for volunteers to help serve dinners at the City Mission. Our relationship with this fine organization has existed for many years and provides support to many local families. Our first date is scheduled for **February 21st** from 4:45-6:30 pm. Please join us as we continue this worthy tradition. If

Gracious Lord, hear the prayers of your people. Forgive the sins that we hold in our hearts. Free us from the guilt and shame that keep us from following you fully. Grant us peace through your mercy and grace. Amen.

The Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Call to New Life

Abide in the Lord always, feeding on God's Word. Demonstrate love to all of God's children. Look to Jesus, by following his example, others will see God's love and mercy.

\*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

*From Heaven Above  
The NRC Senior Choir*

*Bach  
Arr. Lorenz*

### THE WORD OF GOD

The Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness. That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Bible page OT

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

Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 5: 13-20                      Bible page 4 NT

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

\*Hymn                      *O Lord of Life, to Thee We Lift*                      **256**

Sermon                      "No Salt Added"  
Rev. Jason Fulkerson

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Offering  
The Offertory                      *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*                      *Bach*  
*The NRC Senior Choir*

\*Doxology *544* and Prayer of Consecration

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
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 to give thanks to you at all times  
and in all places...

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
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!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper...  
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Words of Institution

The Communion

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

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

\*Hymn                      *Take Time to be Holy*                      **300**

\*The Benediction

The Benediction Response

\*The Postlude                      *Fantasia on Forest Green*                      *Broughton*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

***Congregational responses are printed in bold type.***

**TODAY**