

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 1st 17th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Mission-Shelter Box	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 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir <i>Coffee Hour</i>
Tuesday, October 3rd	7 pm	Lounge	Property
Wednesday, October 4th	7 pm	Music Room	Bell Choir Practice
Thursday, October 5th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir Practice
Friday, October 6th	4:45 pm	City Mission	City Mission
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	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs <i>Coffee Hour</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
 James Friderici
 Ellen Gauna
 Kathy Mausert
 Lester Perlee
 Wendy Sims
 Rick Wallace

Ministers
 Pastor
 Treasurer
 Organist
 Director of Music
 Director of Bell Choir
 Church Administrator
 Director of Nursery School
 Cemetery Superintendent
 Teacher, Nursery School
 Church Sexton

The Niskayuna Reformed Church 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

**Remember to "like" us on Facebook at Niskayuna Reformed Church*

NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

October 1, 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Announcements

Prelude *Fluttering Leaves in A Minor* *Kolling*

Introit *Peter, James and John in a Sailboat* *Traditional*
The NRC Cherubs Choir

Votum Jennifer Fulkerson

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

Call to Worship

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* **2**

*Salutation and the 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.**

updated pictures....we need your friendly face or "mug" for short. The Membership committee thought it would be fun to entice you by having the Church "mug" on sale if you either get an updated photo at one of the special coffee hours or bring your own updated picture "mug" into us for the Directory. FYI the church "mugs" will be on sale for the special price of \$3.00 during the Directory update event. We will be taking pictures at Coffee Hour on October 1st, October 15th, October 22nd and October 29th.

- New LED lights have been installed in all the outside poll lights and wall packs on the outside of the Education building. This will be a great savings on our energy bill and increased luminosity outside, especially after dark. Thank you to Ron and Rick for all their efforts! The "Energy" Committee will continue to work on energy savings for our buildings.
- The Safety Committee has installed mounted flashlights in both entrances of the Education Building, in case of an emergency. Please take the time to locate those, along with our new first aid kits and incident reports.
- The annual Senior Members Luncheon will be held this year on **Tuesday, October 10th** at noon. If you are seventy years or older and are a member of our church, don't miss this enjoyable event. If you'd like to come, but need a ride, please contact Ellen at 518-785-5575. She will put you in touch with someone from the Congregational Care Committee, who will be glad to drive you both ways. Please RSVP to the church office if you can join us. We hope you can make it!
- We will begin a six-week bible study through the book of Galatians starting on Monday, **October 16th at 7pm**. We will look at what Paul's letter to the church in Galatia reveals to us about the issues at this early church. We will also discuss the radical view of God's grace that is demonstrated by Paul. We will meet in the Lounge, unless otherwise indicated. Hope to see you then.

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.
- Today is Communion Sunday. The monthly communion collection is for Shelter Box USA. This month's collection will support Shelter Box USA. Please pray for the families of the recent hurricane disasters and be generous in your giving. THANK YOU!
- **Gluten free wafers will be available during Communion.**
- Our greeter(s) today: Barbara Sim.
- The History & Archives committee will be selling note cards as a fundraiser for their archival costs. The cards depict a recent painting of Niskayuna Reformed Church by Jennifer Politano. A set of ten cards and envelopes is \$15. Cards will also be available at Coffee Hour today.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Gregory Drapeau & Edward Van Buren.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **October 8th** are; Ushers: Donna Gaunay, Paul Alois, Pat Zink & Norma Lovell; Counters: Sharon Rice-Herbst & Paul Alois.
- Pastor Jason will be in vacation from Wednesday, October 4th and returning Tuesday, October 10th.
- Happy Fall! We would really like to update our Church Directory by Thanksgiving this year. It's already been a few years since the last time we formally tried to do this effort. So in the effort to encourage getting

Prayer of Confession

Take these moments of silence to confess and to ask forgiveness.

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. For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with the Lord is great power to redeem.

Call to New Life

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.

*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

*I Dream a World
The NRC Youth Choir*

Andre Thomas

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17: 1-7 Bible page 64 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon “Celebrating God’s Provision: Part 1”
Pastor Jason Fulkerson

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

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Lord, Here Am I* Ness Beck
The NRC Senior Choir

*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

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!

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.***

Choral Amen

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

*Hymn *Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* 77

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude *Recessional on Hymn of Joy* Beethoven

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.