

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 21st 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Membership Committee Potluck
Tuesday, January 23rd	7 pm	Lounge	H & A
Thursday, January 25th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Sunday, January 28th 4th Sunday after Epiphany	8:45 am	Music Room	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Education Building	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Music Room Room 103 Fellowship Hall	Youth Choir Cherubs Choir Coffee Hour



The Niskayuna Reformed Church
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FOUNDED IN 1750

Each member and friend
 The Reverend Jason Fulkerson
 Paul Alois
 Rebecca Benjamin
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 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

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NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 am

January 21, 2018

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.

The word liturgy is a composite of two Greek words meaning “the work of the people.” Worship is our work as the people of God together listening and responding to what God has to say to us. Our liturgy is shaped by our Reformed theology in the three-fold structure of our worship together; Approach, Word, and Response. These match up to the theological themes of Guilt, Grace, and Gratitude that are witnessed in the Reformed confessions.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Announcements

Prelude

Flute Solo in C Major
Jennifer Politano

Koehler

Introit

(from the Latin, “to go in” or “enter”, it helps us enter in a space of worship)

Votum

(from the Latin for a vow or prayer, it is an acknowledgement of our help coming from God)

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

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthday wishes go out to: Anna Pustay.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **January 28th** are; Ushers: Erik & Linda Gebhardt; Counters: Dominic Andriano & Sharon Rice-Herbst; Greeters: Bob & Linda Gardner; Coffee Hour: Congregational Care Committee.
- Pastor Jason will be out of the office Monday, January 22nd & Tuesday, January 23rd attending a retreat.
- Did you know we have a prayer chain? This is a group of people that receive a prayer request at the request of an individual, friend or family member of an individual. Prayer requests can be sent out in any manner you feel comfortable and with as much or little information you want included. Nothing is sent out without consent. This is a wonderful way to help someone in need and stay connected as a church and community. If you would like a prayer request to be sent out or if you would like to be added to the prayer chain list, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Ellen at office@niskayunareformed.org.
- Volunteers needed to serve dinner on Monday, **February 19th** at the Schenectady City Mission. Please consider bringing comfort and fellowship to our community during this cold, isolating time of year. We need six volunteers (have three signed up already) to meet at the site at 4:45 and serve until 6:30. Please contact Michele Kopp at mishcata@gmail.com or call 518 424 3825 if you are able to help out. Thank you!
- Interested in our Preschool Program? Then please join us at our Annual Open House/Family Pizza Party on Thursday, **February 1st** from 5 pm - 7 pm. You can meet the teachers, learn more about our programs and have any of your questions answered. Spread the word! Thank you!

*Benediction Response

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*Postlude *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* Pachelbel
(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.

TODAY

If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. May you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. 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: John & Trudy Lehner.
- **Membership Committee Potluck Sunday** is today after Service of Worship. We hope you can join us.
- The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of Michele Renee Bursor by George, Jean, David and Amy Bursor.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 21

*Salutation and the Peoples' Amen

(a greeting that reminds us that we are welcome here)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(continue in silent reflection)

Kyrie Eleison

(from the Greek, meaning "Lord, have mercy", it continues the spirit of confession)

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

Words of Assurance

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
Amen.

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. **May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

*Gloria Patri

(a doxology affirming the Trinitarian nature of God, one God in three persons. A thankful response to the mercy of God and the renewal of our hearts and minds)

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 *Here I am Lord* Schutte/Hayes
The NRC Senior Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

(this is a prayer for both the congregation and the preacher that the Holy Spirit would act in the reading and hearing of Scripture.)

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Bible page 247 OT
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Mark 1: 14-20 Bible page 35 NT
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon “A Call for...”
Rev. Jason Fulkerson

*Hymn *Here Am I, Lord* insert

THE RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Offering

Offertory *Sing Praises Unto His Holy Name* Bach
The NRC Senior Choir

*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

(a short hymn of praise, thanking God. The words of this doxology come from the final stanza of a much longer hymn written by Anglican Bishop, Thomas Ken, in 1695.)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

(During the prayer we come with praise for who God is; with thanksgiving for what God does; and with requests for God to heal, to transform, to renew us and work out all the complicated details of our lives.)

Lord’s Prayer

(from the days of the early church, this prayer has been a central part of worship together. It was the way that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.)

**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

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

*Benediction

(from the Latin, “to speak a good word”, it serves as a reminder of God’s promises and God’s presence as we leave the worship space)