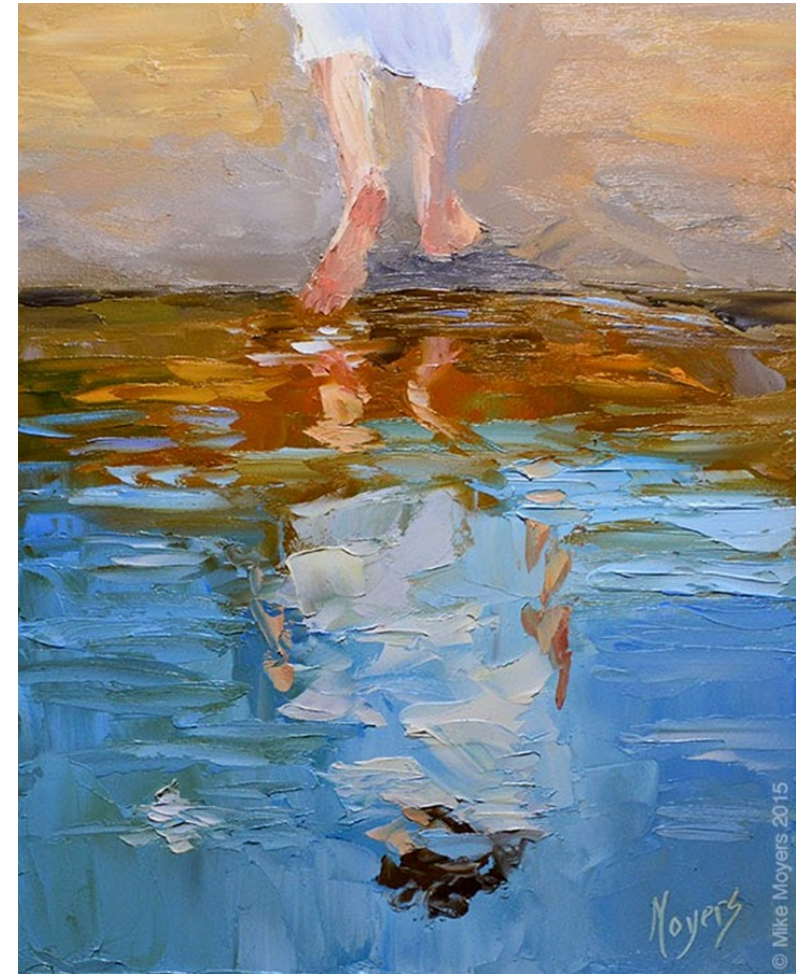


***Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church
February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent
Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen***



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Announcements

Our guest organist today is David A. Vredenburg. David is part of the Eastern New York Chapter, American Guild of Organists (AGO). Welcome David!

Our Mission for February will benefit our own mission group. The Mission and Service Committee will use the donations for our 2024 "Soup Kitchen" expenses. Our church members volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen up to 8 times a year. These dedicated volunteers shop, prepare and serve nutritious meals to the hungry. The average monthly cost to provide the food for the meals in 2023 was \$330. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you! In February we be collecting **Laundry Supplies**— laundry soap in liquid and pods, dryer sheets, fabric softener, etc.

There will be 5 soup and bread Lenten evenings on Thursdays beginning February 22 and continuing until Maundy Thursday, March 28. They will begin at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. These evenings will include a light soup and bread supper and a brief time of worship and prayer using "Seeking God's Face." We will conclude before the Choir rehearsal begins. All are welcome! We are still in need of volunteers to help provide soup and bread each week. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

Easter lilies (\$15.00) and azaleas (\$20.00) are now on sale. If you would like to purchase a plant(s), please send your check and a note saying you will be taking home a plant(s) to the church office. We are also taking donations to cover the cost of the plants we need to purchase. PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE THIS BEAUTIFUL TRADITION. We will be doing a memorial bulletin and working off last year's bulletin. If you have NO changes, there is no need to contact the office. If you have any changes/additions, contact Ellen at 518-785-5575. **The deadline for bulletin changes is Friday, March 22nd.** The bulletin will be included in the March 31 Easter Service bulletin.

Join the Schenectady City Mission on March 16 from 6-10 PM at the 408 in Saratoga for an exciting musical event. The group Dueling Pianos will be

*Hymn of Worship "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

The Hymnbook, 184

*The Salutation and People's Amen

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

Call to Confession: Based on Hebrews 4:15-16

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses.

In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Most merciful God

whose Son, Jesus Christ,

was tempted in every way, yet was without sin,

we confess before you our own sinfulness;

we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;

we have compromised with evil;

we have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith;

have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such trust and love

that we may walk in your ways

and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison:

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

