

Hurley Reformed Church
Blue Christmas Service
December 16, 2020; 7:00 pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." And so we invite each other to this time of worship.

All: **Quiet yourself in this busy holiday season, find space for yourself.**

Leader: Come, cast aside your burdensome cares and put aside your laborious pursuits.

All: **Give your time to God, and rest in God for a little while!**

HYMN #157, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

READING "First Coming" by Madeleine L'Engle

HYMN #163, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 13*

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Reader: God of Light and Life, we light this candle for all those who are struggling with issues involving physical or mental health. May its light remind us all of the healing available to us in Christ Jesus. Hear our prayers.

Silence

Reader: We light this candle for all those who are struggling with financial concerns, job loss, or debt. May its light remind us all that you are the Great Provider, you will give us our daily bread. Hear our prayers.

Silence

Reader: We light this candle for all those who grieve. May its light remind us that we are not orphaned, we are not alone. Hear our prayers.

Silence

Reader: We light this candle for all those who are victims of violence in any of its forms. May its light lead us to peace, safety, and truth. Hear our prayers.

Silence

Reader: We light this candle for all those who are experiencing the pain of broken relationships with family, children, spouses, and friends. May its light remind us of the pure communion you desire for all your creation. Hear our prayers.

Silence

Reader: We light this candle for all those who are estranged from you, who are besieged with doubts, who are overwhelmed by the world and do not claim your presence in their lives Lord, may the light of your love lead us all home to you. Hear our Prayers.

Silence

You may come forward to light a candle and offer a prayer, remembering that Christ is the light who comes into our darkness, whatever and wherever we experience it.

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 2:1-20*

CLOSING PRAYER

HYMN #171, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

BENEDICTION



Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

The Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Welcome

*May the doors of this church be wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and a Father's care;
and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve