

Hurley Reformed Church
Third Sunday Of Advent
December 14, 2025; 10:00am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy One, we search and long for you,

Many: Rejoicing in you always.

One: In what do we rejoice?

Many: The saving love of Jesus Christ.

One: In a world full of pain and hatred, and violence, we await the coming of your realm.

Many: We remember God's gracious act of Immanuel, God with us the Spirit Advocating for us.

One: We make our cries of justice known to you, O God, bringer of joy.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#168 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, your light shines in our darkness. For those of us dwelling in the darkest of night, we trust in your flicker of hope. Your salvation lifts us into the light, and we ask your forgiveness. Help us as we set our burden of sin at your feet trusting in your grace. Prepare us for the dawn. Light our paths so we might find peace. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

*RESPONSIVE READING

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Speaker 1: The light glowing from our Advent wreath is burning brighter. This radiance warms our hearts and fills us with joy! The Lord has done great things for us. Let us rejoice.

Speaker 2: "May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6).

The first three candles are lit.

Speaker 3: Light three candles; see them glow
Brightly, so that all may know
How three candles show the way
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

Speaker 4: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

All pray: **Dear God, we carry many burdens and worry over many things. Help us to hear your promise in this Advent season, that in hearing, we may receive the Spirit's gift of joy. And may our spirits be kept sound at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#157 "Come Thou Long-expected Jesus"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 146:5-10 (pg.508)

New Testament: Luke 1:46b-55 (pg. 827)

SERMON: "Not Just Any Song"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: **#181 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church!

With joy we welcome your presence among us today. Let the words of the psalmist set the tone of our worship: "Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name--joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:4-5 NSRV)

Assisting with Liturgy today is

Wreath Lighters today are Kathy Jansen and Jane Merrill

Ushers assisting in the service are Chris Decker and Bill Baldinger

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for our Cookie Walk!

Flowers on the altar are provided by

Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

Mission of the month will be Angle Food East

Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; Lois Morehouse

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.

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Terry Gaffken, *Missions*

Rev. Charles E. Stickley, *Pastor Emeritus*

Stickley Gardens Columbarium . . . A sacred place of beauty and contemplation.
(Located on the south lawn of the church.)

The lone candle on the chancel is our Peace Candle. It represents this church's support for the men and women in military service, and our prayer that one day we will live in a world where their sacrifice is no longer needed.



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

#168 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From Heav'n's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still thro' the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful step and slow,
Look up! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O, rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.
4. For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
By prophet bards fore-told,
When with the ever-circling years
Come round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

#157 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art-
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart!

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

#181 Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! thro'out the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And bro't us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

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Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Announcements-December 14, 2025

Thank you to the Herzogs/Jordans who donated and decorated and donated the tree and wreath out front.

Activities this week:

Monday: 1:00pm TaiChi in Schadewald Hall
6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall
Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room
4:30pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Thursday: 4:30pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Friday: 8:00am Sew and So
1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
Saturday: 9:00am Karate in Schadewald Hall
Sunday: 11:00am Christmas Play in Schadewald Hall

We are looking for scripture readers and wreath lighters. If you'd like to volunteer please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

The December mission is Angel Food East. Angel food East was founded in 1992 to provide hot Delivered meals, seven days a week to people living with HIV +AIDS. Now they prepare more than 300 meals, fresh fruit, and salad two days a week to those in need in Ulster County.

We will also do the Mitten Tree, collecting mittens, gloves and hats for children and adults. We also will collect new and gently used coats to be delivered to People's Place.

Current and Upcoming Events:

- Last day to hand in your Poinsettia** order forms
- Pecans** sale has begun. We have dark and caramel cluster left for \$13/bag. Contact Jeanne Quenzer with any questions 845-417-5676
- Church School Christmas Play**-December 21st after church.
- Cookie Walk** Today!
- Our **225th Anniversary** celebration in May and June

Nominations and Votes for Consistory are:

James Gregory, Elder
Kathy Jansen, Elder
Bonnie Dumas, Deacon

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rev. Bill.

The consistory has formed a safety committee if you are interested in serving please speak with either Dennis C. or Rev. Bill

It's That Time Again!!!

Once again it's time to place your orders for poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary for the Holiday season.



Plants are one size, one color, and one price: red at \$8.00 each.

POINSETTIAS

Number of plants: _____ @ \$8.00 each: Total due _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

We are requesting that you take your plant home or deliver it to someone special.

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