

Hurley Reformed Church
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023; 10:00am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER
CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Love the Lord your God,
Many: With all your heart, soul, mind, and body.
One: Love each other as yourselves,
Many: These are the greatest commandments.
One: We say these words because they are so difficult to follow.
Many: We repeat them because we are easily led astray.
One: Love God. Love yourself. Love your neighbor.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: #179 "What Child Is This?"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Creator, you have told us to hate evil and love good. At times we have struggled to discern the difference, and chosen to love evil. At times we have taken the easy route and hated good. For more excuses than we can name, we have turned away from you and your call to share the good news in the world. Forgive us and teach us your paths. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Speaker 1: Once God's plan was a mystery, hidden from our sight. Now God has disclosed what was kept secret for so very long; he has brought it out in the light. In the brighter light on this fourth Sunday in Advent, may we see more clearly the glory of God in Christ and sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever.
Speaker 2: "With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens" (Psalm 89:1b-2).

All four Advent candles are lit.

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

Speaker 4: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All pray: Dear God, your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. In the Savior's 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: #171 "Silent Night"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (pg.246)
New Testament: Luke 1:26-38 (pg.826)

SERMON: "Love in three parts"

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: #190 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*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)

In Person and Zoom Worship happens at 10am!

Ushers assisting in the service are Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments provided by Barb Hornbeck

The flowers on the alter are our Christmas Poinsettias

Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

Mission of the month- Collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and boots.

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Shirley Ruth is in Golden Hill; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; Shirley Burns; Debbie Tucker

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

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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

#179 What Child Is This?

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain:

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain:

#171 Silent Night

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing, "Al-le-lu-ia!"

Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
Al-le-lu-ia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born:
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

#190 Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly songs?

Refrain:

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain:

Announcements- December 24, 2023

The mission for the month of December will be collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and boots for adults and children.

Please take note that both our flower sign up and refreshment sign up for 2024 are currently on the bulletin board next to the “In” kitchen door.

Nominations and Votes for Consistory are:

Deacon: Russ Voigtlaender

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