

Hurley Reformed Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor  
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Speaker 1:** Fire burns. It hurts. It can destroy. Fire also gives warmth and light. The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and a day of promise. Two candles, flickering brightly, help us remember that the coming of Christ has many meanings.

**Speaker 2:** "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky" (Psalm 85:10-11).

*The first two candles are lit.*

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

**Speaker 4:** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All pray:** **Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #167 "The First Noel"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Convenenter of all life, you bring us under your wings and comfort us. You tell us of the day the wolf and lamb will lie together; the leopard and the kid; the calf and the lion. This seems like such a dream, for we act as ferociously as a lion and we hunt like a wolf with our sharp words and**

**negligent actions. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to act in a way that cherishes the diversity of all of your creatures. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING: **Apostles Creed** (see insert)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #176 "Away in the Manger"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10(pg.547)  
New Testament: Matthew 3:1-12 (pg. 778)

SERMON: "A Peaceful Season?"

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

MORNING PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #175 "O come, All Ye Faithful"

\*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 Chris Decker and Bob Kindt.

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Pat Baker's family for providing them.

**Flowers on the Alter** are provided by Pat Baker's family.

**Mission of the month-** Kingston High School Lending Closet (hats, gloves, scarves, socks and leggings)

**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; David Giles, Barbara Sartorius in New Hampshire, Terry Conlin, Jim Gregory

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, [HurleyReformedChurch.org](http://HurleyReformedChurch.org).

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### Consistory 2022

#### Elders

Dennis Crowell, *Property & Maintenance*  
Christopher Decker, *Finance*  
Glenn Decker, *Senior Elder*  
Lisa Longto, *Clerk*  
Linda Moon, *Missions*  
Bill Baldinger

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas  
Lee Gable  
Jeanne Quenzer  
David Kent, *Youth Ministry*  
Dino Sumerano, *Worship*  
Robert Kindt, *IT*

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*

## #167 The First Noel

1 The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay-  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:*  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!*  
*Born is the King of Israel!*

2 They looked up and saw a star  
Bright in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain*

3 And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

*Refrain*

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain*

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Refrain*

## #176 Away In The Manger

Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky  
looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing;  
the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus  
no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus;  
look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle  
till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask Thee to stay Close  
by me forever, and love me,  
I pray. Bless all the dear  
children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven,  
to live with Thee there.

## #175 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him- born the King of angels!

*Refrain:*  
*O come, let us adore Him!*  
*O come, let us adore Him!*  
*O come, let us adore Him-*  
*Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation.  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

*Refrain:*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning.  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

*Refrain:*

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church\*,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Announcements- December 4, 2022

**Starting November 30<sup>th</sup>** Advent Bible Study -Birth Narratives in the Gospels – Why are they there? What are they trying to tell us? Run by Ruth Kent on Wednesdays during Advent, 7pm in the Dutch room. It will be available in person and via zoom. Contact Rev. Bill to sign up.

**Bible Study**-We would love to have you join us every Tuesday at 9am for Bible Study in the Dutch Room.

**Prayer Squares**-Prayer squares are available in a basket in the Narthex. Please take one if you know of someone in need of prayer. You may also carry one in your pocket as a reminder to pray for someone, you think needs prayer. The knitter has pray fully knitted it for you.

**Flower and Refreshments** sign-up sheets for 2023 are on the wall in Shadewald Hall for anyone that would like to sign up for a date!

### Save the Date!!

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Cookie Walk after Worship

December 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm & 9pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Day Worship at 10am

**Mission for December**- we will be collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks and leggings for the Kingston High School lending closet. All items can be placed in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Tools Needed**-The tool box in the church janitor's closet is bear, never really complete. If you have any duplicate hand tools that you no longer need and would consider donating, it would be appreciated. Such as: assorted screwdrivers, wrench's, including adjustable wrench, pliers and socket set. Thank you in advance!

**Blue Christmas Service**- Join us December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Happy Birthday Pat Baker!** Today is Pat's birthday and you are all invited to have cake with her following today's service in Schadewald Hall. Come celebrate her 85 wonderful years filled with love, faith, generosity, family, and friends. Flowers and cake provided by her family. Thank you for helping us celebrate her!-Sheryl Baker Delano

Hurley Reformed Church — Main Street, Hurley, NY

**Cookie Walk!**  
12-11-22 after worship  
\$8.00 per lb.

**Bakers Needed!**  
Contact Jeanne Quenzer 845-417-5676

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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

Make Checks Payable to: **Hurley Reformed Church**

Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401

**Payment must be received by December 11, 2022**

A Message from The Gregory's:



*Luke 2:13-14*

*Suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and signing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men"*

Decorating the Alter trees are angels made from the pages of old hymnals.

We welcome you to take one for your tree at home.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas,  
The Gregory's



