

Hurley Reformed Church  
Second Sunday Of Advent  
December 7, 2025; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in preparation

**All: for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Leader: We gather in expectation

**All: for joy is about to burst in our midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration

**All: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.**

Leader: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Covenanter 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 beauty of the world which you have sent your Son into. 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:** 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.**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#302 "Breathe on me Breath of God"**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10 (pg.555)

New Testament: Matthew 3:1-12 (pg. 778)

SERMON: "Peace from a less than Peaceful Man"

**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: **#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)

**Assisting with Liturgy** today is Jeanne Quenzer

**Wreath Lighters** today are Maggie, Jim & Colin Sass and Carol & John Kokas

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Dennis Croswell and Dino Sumerano

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Tracy, Ava, Chelsea for providing them.

**Flowers on the altar** are provided by Marilyn Lowe

**Leading us in song** is Jeffery Seitz

**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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### Hurley Reformed Church

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### Consistory 2025

#### Elders

Dennis Croswell, *Senior Elder*  
Marilyn More  
Walter Cook  
Christopher Decker, *IT*  
Margaret Sass, *Clerk*  
Bill Baldinger

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas, *Finance*  
Russ Voigtlaender, *Property & Maintenance*  
Jeanne Quenzer, *Program & Activities*  
Aileen Helsley, *Youth Ministry*  
Dino Sumerano, *Worship*  
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

## #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*

## #302 Breathe on me Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

## #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:*

## Announcements-December 7, 2025

### Activities this week:

Monday: 1:00pm TaiChi in Schadewald Hall  
6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall  
7:00pm Consistory Meeting

Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room  
2:00pm TaiChi in Schadewald Hall  
4:30pm Karate in Schadewald Hall

Wednesday: 12:00pm Social Solos

Thursday: 2:00pm TaiChi in Schadewald Hall  
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 Cookie Walk

**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:

- Poinsettia** sale has started, see the attached form to place your order
- Pecans** sale has begun. We have milk, dark, plain and caramel cluster available for \$13/bag. Contact Jeanne Quenzer with any questions 845-417-5676
- Church School Christmas Play**-December 21<sup>st</sup> after church.
- Cookie Walk** will December 14th
- Our **225<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

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 14, 2025**

