

Hurley Reformed Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023; 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:

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

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: #176 "Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11 (pg.577)

New Testament: Mark 1:1-8 (pg.807)

SERMON: "A Peaceful Prophet?"

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)

In Person and Zoom Worship happens at 10am!

Ushers assisting in the service are Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto.

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

The flowers on the alter are placed by Christa & Terry Conlin in loving memory of their son who has been in heaven for 11 years.

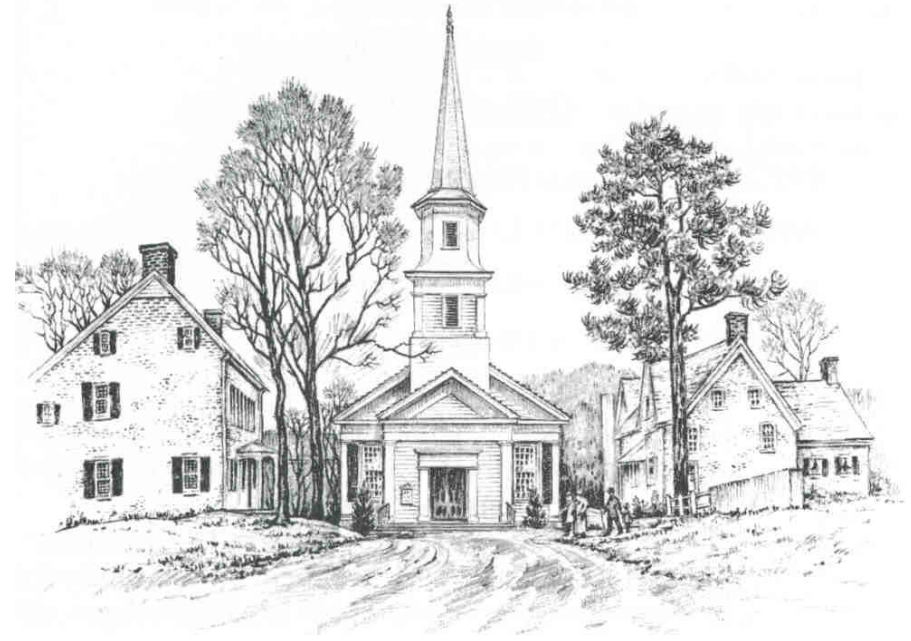
Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

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

#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 a 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:

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