

Hurley Reformed Church  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 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  
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. 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

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  
CHILDREN DISMISS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 146:4-10(pg.507)  
New Testament: Luke 1:46b-55 (pg. 827)

SERMON: "Beneath the Weight of Joy"

**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)

**In Person and Zoom Worship** happens at 10am!

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

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to everyone who help bake for our Cookie Walk today!

**Flowers on the Alter** are provided by The Longto 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.



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### Hurley Reformed Church

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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*

## #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 ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry 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 everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

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

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
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 everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

## Announcements- December 11, 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 TODAY!

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

**Thank You!** To The Jordan's and Herzog's for our beautiful Christmas tree and wreath outside.

## 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**

