

Hurley Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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: 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).

The first three 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: 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

CHILDREN DISMISS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #171 "Silent Night"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 80:1-7,17-19(pg.474)

New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 777)

SERMON:

"What Kind of Love"

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 Jeanne Quenzer.

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to the Longto Family for providing them.

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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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

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.*

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:

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 18, 2022

Starting November 30th 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 24th- Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm & 9pm

December 25th-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!

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

Come help decorate! December 23rd at 9am we will be putting out the Pointsettia's. All are welcome join!

Nominations and Votes for Consistory are:

Elder: Marilyn More

Deacon: Aileen Helsley

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

Thank you all for coming out on a snowy Sunday for our Christmas cookie walk. It was a great success! We have about (12) 1 pound boxes of cookies for sale for \$8 per box. They will be available at coffee hour today. We made a profit of \$577.00 so far. Thank you to all the bakers, platers, servers, weighers, and cashiers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Christmas Pageant- Join us after worship in the Hall to watch our Sunday School perform their Christmas Pageant today!

Spire Time! Please submit all January Spire information by 12/23. Thank you!