

Hurley Reformed Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023; 10:00am

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 9.2)

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

All: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All: **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*HYMN OF APPROACH: #163 "O Come, O come"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We have lost our way, O God. We have looked for hope in the transient. We have sought love from the flawed. We have ached for your grace but have failed to recognize it right under our noses, and refusing to recognize your light within one another. Forgive us, we ask, and guide us. 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 Avent Wreath

Speaker 1: Lighting a candle in the darkness helps us find our way. In darkness we lose direction. We cannot see where we have been or where we are going. A single candle, flickering brightly, helps us find our way again.

Speaker 2: "Stir up your might, and come to save us. Restore us, O God; let

your face shine, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:2b-3).

The first candle is lit.

Speaker 3: Light one candle; see it glow
Brightly, so that all may know
How one candle shows the way
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

Speaker 4: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
All pray: Dear God, on this first Sunday in Advent, let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter, so that we will be ready for your face to shine upon us at Christmas. In the Savior's 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: #174 "Joyful, Joyful"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg.599)

New Testament: Mark 13:24-37 (pg.821)

SERMON: "Working for Hope"

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: #190 "Angels We Have Heard"

*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 refreshments!

The trees on the altar are placed by the Gregory's (see insert)

Leading us in song is Jeffery Seitz

Mission of the month- Angle Food East and coats for Peoples Place

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

#163 O Come, O Come

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive
Israel, That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

Come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations; bind All peoples in one
heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

#174 Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You Sing thro'-out this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus Praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory; All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, Joined in wonder, love and praise.

#190 Angles We Have Heard

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!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly songs?

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Announcements- December 3, 2023



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". (John 8:12)

As we prepare to welcome that light during Advent, we invite you to take a flashlight (engraved with that verse) from the trees on the Altar as a reminder, to take the light of Jesus with you wherever you go.

Wishing you Christmas Blessings from The Gregorys

The mission for the month of December will be collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and boots for adults and children.

Bakers Needed!! We are looking for bakers for the annual Cookie Walk on December 10th. Please contact Jeanne Quenzer with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Children's Program will be held Dec. 17th!

Our Christmas Eve services will be held at 7pm & 9pm

We still have some plain pecans left!

For those that attend on Zoom please note that we have a new Zoom link on your website.

Woodworking Show: Dec 9 from 1 to 5pm in Schadewald Hall. A limited edition of 20 pens made from the 1853 church steeple wood will be for sale at \$10 apiece. The proceeds will go to the church. The exhibit will include items made by the local woodworking clubs (Kaatskill Woodturners and the Northeastern Woodworkers Association). Admission is free. There will be a sale table for possible Christmas gifts.