

Hurley Reformed Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021, 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

THE WORD OF GOD

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (pg.1466)

New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7 (pg. 1830)

Luke 3:7-18 (pg. 1593)

SERMON: "Joy, Joy, Joy, 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 Sandy Emrich and Lisa Longto.

Flower on the Alter are provided by Aileen and Teegan.

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Kelly Maggiore for providing them this week!

Mission of the month- Samaritan's Purse

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; Fred Horvers is at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro); Marie Dressel; Muriel Ferraro is rehabbing at Thompson House.

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

#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 through 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 steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
Oh, 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
It’s 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 every nation,
Joy of every 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
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all 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
That Jesus Christ is born

Announcements- December 12, 2021

Su Wonderly and Niki Provenzano will be leading us in lighting the advent wreath!

Come and Join the new Sit to Stand Class! Starts December 6th @1 pm, \$15/class, contact Ruth Beyl (845 688 2516) with any questions.

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.

Giving Tree and Hygiene Kits- We will be supporting Myer Elementary School again this year by providing gift cards and hygiene kits. All Donations are due by 12/12/21. See attached flyer for more information!

We are looking for volunteers to help some of our members who aren't able to drive anymore get to worship. If you are willing to assist, not every week but on occasion, please let Rev Bill know.

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettia, we have 69 plants arriving on December 22, all are welcome to come help set them out at 9am and put up the aisle lights.

December 16th at 6:30pm- A Quiet Christmas service will be held; A Quiet Christmas service is a place of grief and loss during the season.

HRC Giving Tree 2021

We will be supporting the **Myer Elementary School** again this year. **Karen Waligurski** (*the school nurse*), has requested that we provide **gift cards**.

(Karen will make sure that the cards get to the families in need.)

Please purchase your cards from where you are comfortable shopping.

<u>Suggested Stores:</u>		<u>Suggested Amount:</u>
ShopRite	CVS	\$10.00
Hannaford	Walgreens	\$15.00
ALDI	Walmart	\$20.00
Target	Stewarts	\$25.00

Please put your card(s) in an **envelope marked Giving Tree** and drop them in the offering basket or send them to the church with your offering. Please make sure the \$ amount on the card is indicated. **Donations are due 12/12/21.**

Hygiene Kits 2021

There is a need for hygiene kits too so if you would like to shop and put together a kit or two that would be wonderful!

MEYER SCHOOL HYGIENE KITS:

Shampoo, Body Wash, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Deodorant, Soap, Hair Brush, Nail Kit, Wash Cloth & Toiletry Caddy

All items are from Dollar Tree for \$10.

Donations are due 12/12/21.

Your generosity will help many families right here in Hurley, NY
Any questions contact Linda Moon or Marilyn Lowe

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♥ We thank you for caring and helping others.....the true meaning of Christmas ♥

