

Hurley Reformed Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 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: 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 89:1 b-2).

All four Advent 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

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #171, "Silent Night"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a (pg. 1445)

New Testament: Luke 1:39-55 (pg. 1588)

SERMON: "Peace Like....."

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 Glenn Decker and Tom Harkin.

Flower on the Alter are provided by Linda Moon.

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Linda Moon 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

#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?

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 Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The babe, the son of Mary

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own him
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him

#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, oh, 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

Announcements- December 19, 2021

#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
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?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

The Decker Family will be leading us in lighting the advent wreath!
Come and Join the new Sit to Stand Class! Starts December 6th
@1pm, \$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.

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.

Spire-Don't forget to get your Spire information to Tara by 12/27!

Our Christmas Program will be postponed till January due to the rise in quarantines in our community but we hope to see everyone for our wonderful performance in the New Year.



