

Hurley Reformed Church  
First Sunday After Christmas Day  
December 26, 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

Leader: All God's people-boys and girls, women, men:

**All: Come and Worship!**

Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints and angels:

**All: Come and Worship! Come and Worship!**

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #192, "Angels from the Realm of Glory"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God we come to you on the cusp of a new year. In a matter of days we will celebrate the coming of a new year and the new beginnings and opportunities that it brings. We come to you asking that you will give us the perseverance and ability to transform ourselves in the year to come. Help us to seek after the path you have set and to walk as you desire us to tread. In your Holy name, 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

**The four Advent candles are lit before the service begins.**

**Speaker 1:** The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

**The Christ candle is lit.**

**Speaker 2:** "O sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. "Declare his glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples" (Psalm 96:1-3).

**Speaker 3:** "Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; Bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; Tremble before him, all the earth" (Psalm 96:7-9).

**Speaker 4:** "Say among the nations, 'The Lord is King!' Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. He will judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with his truth" (Psalm 96:10a, 11a, 13b).

\*GLORIA PATRI [Words and music found on inside cover of hymnal.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #184, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 148 (pg.982)

New Testament: Luke 2:41-52 (pg. 1592)

SERMON:

"My Father's House"

**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: #191, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

\*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.

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to Andrea Littleton Foster 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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### Consistory 2021

#### Elders

Douglas Constant, *Senior Elder, Classis Delegate*  
Dennis Croswell, *Youth Ministry*  
Glenn Decker, *Finance*  
Sandra Emrich, *Program & Activities*  
Thomas Harkin  
James Pirro, *Property & Maintenance*

#### Deacons

Allan Dumas  
Christopher Decker, *Information Technology*  
David Kent, *Worship*  
Robert Kindt  
Lisa Longto, *Clerk*  
Linda Moon, *Missions*

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*

## #192 Angels from the Realm of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

- *Refrain:*  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:

- *Refrain:*  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star.

- *Refrain:*  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear.

- *Refrain:*  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

## #184 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen; Let nothing you dismay. Remember  
Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day. To save us all from Sa-  
tan's pow'r When we were gone astray.

○ Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and  
joy, Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heav'nly Father, A blessed angel came; And unto cer-  
tain shepherds Brought tidings of the same: How that in Bethlehem was  
born The Son of God by name.

○ Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and  
joy, Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

3. "Fear not," then said the angel, "Let nothing you affright. This day is  
born a Savior Of a pure virgin bright, To free all those who trust in Him  
From Satan's pow'r and might.

○ Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and  
joy, Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

4. The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind, And left their  
flocks afeeding In tempest, storms and wind, And went to Bethlehem  
straight way The Son of God to find.

○ Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and  
joy, Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

5. And when they came to Bethlehem, Where our dear Savior lay, They  
found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay. His mother, Mary,  
kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.

○ Refrain: Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and  
joy, Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.

## #191 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild-- God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies. With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

o Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest Heav'n adored! Christ the everlasting Lord! Long desired, behold Him come-- Offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity, Pleas'd as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.

o Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

o Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## Announcements- December 26, 2021

**Come and Join the new Sit to Stand Class!** Starts December 6<sup>th</sup>  
@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.

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