

Hurley Reformed Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
December 6, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor  
Jane Barsumian, Organist and Choir Director

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Speaker 1:** Fire burns. It hurts. It can destroy. Fire also gives warmth and light. The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and a day of promise. Two candles, flickering brightly, help us remember that the coming of Christ has many meanings.

**Speaker 2:** "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky" (Psalm 85:10-11).

***The first two candles are lit.***

**Speaker 3:** Light two candles; see them glow  
Brightly, so that all may know  
How two candles show the way  
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

**Speaker 4:** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All pray:** **Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN OF APPROACH: #167, "The First Noel" verses 1,2,3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Covenanter of all life, you bring us under your wings and comfort us. You tell us of the day the wolf and lamb will lie together; the leopard and the kid; the calf and the lion. This seems like such a dream, for we act as ferociously as a lion and we hunt**

**like a wolf with our sharp words and negligent actions. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to act in a way that cherishes the diversity of all of your creatures. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

UNISON READING: **The Apostle's Creed**

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Children leave for Sunday School)

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #167, "The First Noel" verses 4, 5

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11

New Testament: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Peace in the Turmoil"

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #175, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:**

Bill Baldinger at home recuperating; June Van der Laan is home; Rev. Stickleby is at home recuperating; Mildred Mattison has fallen and broken her wrist and is at home recovering; Gene Groelle is in Woodland Ponds; Jim and Sheila Craven are home; Alice Presti has moved to North Carolina nearer her daughter; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Shirley Ruth is in Mountain Valley Manor; Fred Horvers at TenBroeck; Lori Pinkham in Wingate at Ulster; Anthony DiPietro (son of MaryAnn DiPietro), Marie Dressel; Philip Greer.

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, [HurleyReformedChurch.org](http://HurleyReformedChurch.org).

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**Consistory 2020**

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Linda Clarke-Dido, *Worship*  
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Rev. Charles E. Stickleby, *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*

### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Brothers and sisters,  
since the Lord has now fed us at his Table,  
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: and do not forget all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,

**People: who heals all your diseases,**

Leader who redeems your life from the Pit,

**People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

Leader: as far as the east is from the west,

**People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

**People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Leader: who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and  
will also give us all things with him.

**People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of  
the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.**

*From Psalm 103, with additions*

## #167 The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
  - *Refrain:*  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star  
Bright in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star where'er it went.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
Over Bethlehem it took its rest.  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

## 175 O Come All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him -- born the King of angels!
  - *Refrain:*  
Oh, come, let us adore Him! Oh, come, let us adore Him!  
Oh, come, let us adore Him -- Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.  
Oh, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 6, 2020

**Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning.** A warm welcome on this second Sunday of Advent. In this holy season we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love. Say hello to Rev. Bill.

**Ushers assisting in the service are** Glenn Decker and David Kent.

**Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.**

**Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!**

**Condolences to** the family and friends of Peter Koehn, beloved partner of Jane Barsumian. Peter went to glory on November 24, 2020.

**Condolences to** Rev. Sara Appleyard-Pekich and her family upon the death of her mother, Theresa Appleyard. Theresa entered eternal rest on November 29, 2020.

**Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.**

**Rev Bill will be** available for visits (with social distancing protocols). Contact the church to request a visit.

**Pecans have arrived.** The plain pecans have sold out. Still available: milk or dark chocolate clusters. They can be picked up at Sandy Emrich's van or by contacting her to arrange pick up at 845-687-4006....thanks.

**Do you have happy news you want to share?** Coffee hour isn't available to us so we are all missing out on opportunities to catch up with each other -- good news or bad. If you have a happening that you want to share with your church family, let the office know. We can/will publish it in the Spire and/or in the bulletin. This can be a vital way to connect with each other.

**Hospital bed available:** We have a home version of a hospital bed (electric) to give to anyone in need of it. The only requirement is that you come pick it up at Sunset Terrace in Hurley. Please contact us if you are interested -- Gretchen Giles 339-3611.

**The mission of the month** for December is the Angel Food East.

**Deacon of the month is** David Kent. Contact him at 703-203-9583 if you need a deacon's assistance.

**By order of the Consistory, Hurley Reformed Church's building is** closed for the duration of the Coronavirus State of Emergency. Only essential workers (as defined by the state of emergency) are allowed in the building. Apologies for the inconvenience. Your safety and health are the greatest priority. Be safe.

The **bathroom** is available during services for urgent situations only. If you use the bathroom, please sanitize with the Clorox wipes found in the unisex rest room.

**Bulletin:** If you need a bulletin mailed to you, please let Dorothy know by Tuesday. Include your address and other pertinent information.



**HRC Giving Tree**

**COVID SAFE GIVING – 2020**

We will be supporting the  
**Myer Elementary School** again this year.  
Our contact, Karen Waligurski (the school nurse),  
has requested that we provide **gift cards only**.  
*(Karen will make sure that the cards get to the families in need.)*

Please purchase your cards from where you are comfortable shopping during these COVID times.

<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 12/13/2020**

Your generosity will help many families right here in Hurley, NY

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# Santa's Breakfast!

**12-12-20** 8-10am

Breakfast Bake Casserole  
Bagel & Hash Brown

**\$8.00**



Take a photo  
with Santa!

RESERVATIONS **845-687-4006**

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