

Hurley Reformed Church  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 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

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.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 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 SERMON (Children leave for Sunday School)

### THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #181, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 126

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Rejoice Even then"

### 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)

HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #175, "Go Tell It on The Mountain"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Carla Campuzano is at home recuperating from surgery; Bill Baldinger at home recuperating; June Van der Laan is home; Rev. Stickley 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.



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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*

## #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 up! 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 prophets bard foretold,  
When with the ever circling years  
Comes round the age of gold,  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world gives back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## #157 Come Thou Long-expected Jesus

1. 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!
2. 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.

3.

## #181 Go, Tell it on the Mountain

- Refrain:        Go, tell it on the mountain  
                  Over the hills and everywhere  
                  Go, tell it on the mountain  
                  That Jesus Christ is born!
1.                While shepherds kept their watching  
                  O'er silent flocks by night  
                  Behold throughout the heavens  
                  There shone a holy light  
                  Refrain:
2.                The shepherds feared and trembled  
                  When lo! Above the Earth  
                  Rang out the angel chorus  
                  That hailed our Savior's birth  
                  Refrain:
3.                Down in a lowly manger  
                  Our humble Christ was born  
                  And God sent us salvation  
                  That blessed Christmas morn  
                  Refrain:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 13, 2020

**Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning.** A warm welcome on this third 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** Jim Pirro and Doug Constant. **Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.** **Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!**

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

**Condolences to the family of Barbara Roosa Baker.** Barbara went to glory on December 7, 2020. She was the widow of Richard Baker and the sister of Bev Roosa. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

**Pecans:** This is the last call for pecans. We still have available Milk & Dark Chocolate as well as Clusters. They are \$10 a bag...sale price. Please contact me via email or phone me at 845-687-4006 & leave a message with your order. Thank you. -- Sandy Emrich

**Thank you for your support** during this past year that has been difficult & hard for each and everyone of us. We truly appreciate every ones support. We couldn't do anything without you. Here's to a happy, healthy and back to mask free 2021!!!

**Reopening Committee:** If you want to be part of the planning for reopening, please contact Rev. Bill. Everyone and everyone's input are welcome.

**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.

**Blue Christmas Service:** This service provides a quiet, contemplative time as an alternative to more traditional gatherings as a way to care for those who are sad or struggling whilst those around them are caught up in celebrating. Our service is December 16 at 7:00 pm either by Zoom or in the Parking Lot. Contact Rev. Bill for the Zoom invitation.

**Spire articles are due** by December 20.

**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.

**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.



### *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

*You and Your family are invited to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in our Christmas Eve Services:*

*7:00pm - A service of Carols and Candles to welcome the Light that comes in the Christ Child*

*9:00pm - We celebrate His birth with a service of Carols, Candles, and Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

*Experience the Wonder in the beauty of the season as we join together in the sanctuary to welcome Him as the Babe of Bethlehem who comes to give us joy and peace, this night and all year long.*

*Contact Rev. Bill for the Zoom invitation or Celebrate with us in the Parking Lot.*

## 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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