

Hurley Reformed Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 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: 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.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 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: **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 SERMON (Children leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #171, "Silent Night"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
New Testament: Luke 1:26-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Trusting in Love"

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: #190, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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; 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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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

#171 Silent Night

#179 What Child is This?

1. 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.
2. Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, 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.
4. Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

#190 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
 - *Refrain:*
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the glad tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
4. See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 20, 2020

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning. A warm welcome on this fourth 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 David Kent and Chris Decker.

Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.

Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!

The Sunday School/Youth Group will perform a Christmas Pageant/Reading at the end of today's service. Stick around to enjoy the performance either in the parking lot or on Zoom.

APPLAUSE!! APPLAUSE!! Thank you once again to our very generous congregation!! We collected \$1,375.00 in gift cards for Myer School. Karen Waligurski will be dispersing them to the families in need. Once again you all have blessed some folks with your Christmas kindness. — Lisa Longto & Sandy Emrich

Luminaria Help Needed: We will be putting together the luminaria for Christmas Eve on Wednesday, December 23. All help is appreciated. Call the office to arrange a time for you to help out.

Reopening Committee: Volunteers are needed who are low risk and below the age of 70. Help with the planning.

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

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.

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.



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 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.