

Hurley Reformed Church
First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 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

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.]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 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.]

THE WORD OF GOD

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17

New Testament: Luke 2:41-52

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "The Unexpected Savior" Rev Katrina Pekich-Bundy

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

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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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

1. 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.
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the Infant Light.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.
4. Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.

#184 God Rest You 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 Satan'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 certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
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 I Him
From Satan's pow'r and might.
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.
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.

#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,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 27, 2020

Thank you to Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy for leading us in worship today.
Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning. A warm welcome on this first Sunday after Christmas. We have come from a busy season of preparing for Christmas. We are now together, happily coming to worship the newborn king. Let us rejoice and be glad. Say hello to Rev. Bill and Rev Katrina.
Ushers assisting in the service are Kathy Jansen and
Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.
Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!

Make your reservation. In person worship service will be offered starting next week. The service will begin at 11:30 am and will not have music. Reservations are needed and must be made by Wednesday. You will be sent the Covid-19 screening questions which must be returned by Friday. There will be assigned seating and **masks must be worn.** Call the church office to make your reservation.

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

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.