

Hurley Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024; 10:00am

Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#65 “Immortal Invisible God Only Wise”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, we come to you with weighed down hearts with the burden of our sins. We cry to you that we are in need of your grace. Your grace comforts us, strengthens us, and frees us, without it we are lost. Forgive us Lord for those ways we have transgressed, help us to cling to your grace and let it transform us. As your grace abounded at the wedding in Cana, we pray that it may abound in and throughout our lives. 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

*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, coming in weakness, in a tiny baby; you covered your glory and hid

your greatness.

All: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you.

Leader: God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, in a dirty poor stable no one else wanted; you hid your wealth and infinite riches.

All: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you.

Leader: God, you have made yourself known, but in a most amazing way, born to humble working people, hidden in a simple life, and yet announced in the stars of heaven and visited by kings.

All: God of mystery and surprise, we praise you. Amen.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: **#85 “Amazing Grace”**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 111 (pg.492)

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (pg.927)

SERMON: “Aaaannnd Why Should I Care?”

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: **#685 “For All The Saints”**

*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 Dino Sumerano and Lisa Longto.

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments!

Flowers on the altar are provided by Diane Nicoletti in memory of her husband, Tony, who passed away 8 years ago this January.

Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

Mission of the month- donations to Josh Bode and Bread of Life (see insert)

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; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; Shirley Burns; Debbie Tucker

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

#65 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious- Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest- to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest- the true Life of all.
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,
Eternal Thy goodness, for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All laud we would render- O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

#85 Amazing Grace

Amazing grace!
how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come.
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

#685 For All The Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Thro' gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements- January 28, 2024

The mission for January will be donating to Josh Bode. Josh Bode was originally from Woodstock Reformed church, and now he and his family are missionaries in Oman.

We also will collect peanut butter and jelly (regular size please, not extra large) for the Bread of Life food pantry.

Thank you for remembering those in need of our help and support

Upcoming Events



2024 signup sheets for flowers and refreshments are posted in the hall.

All of our church committees are searching for new members! Contact Rev. Bill if you would like to join one this year!

New windows have been installed in the parsonage and the old sashes are available. If you know someone who crafts with older window sashes or uses them for projects these are available, have them contact the church.

End of year statements-Anyone who would like an end of year contribution statement please contact Tara by email or phone.