

Hurley Reformed Church
First Sunday after Christmas Day
January 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP: Micah 5:2--4

Leader: The Lord says, "Bethlehem, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times.

People: So the Lord will abandon His people to their enemies until the woman who is to give birth has her son. Then those who are in exile will be reunited with their own people.

Leader: When He comes, He will rule His people with the strength that comes from the Lord and with the majesty of the Lord God Himself.

People: His people will live in safety because people all over the earth will acknowledge His greatness, and He will bring peace.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: #171 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You shed the Light of Your love in the gift of a Holy Child who is called Jesus. We confess that we have not followed the light of Your word. We have not searched for signs of Your love or trusted in the Good New that comes to us in the Child of Bethlehem. We have failed to praise You for His birth and lost sight of the peace He comes to share with our weary world. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all our fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: 1 John 4:9-10

" And God showed His love for us by sending His only Son into the world, so that we might have life through Him. This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but He loved us and sent His Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven." REJOICE! The Son has come and we are forgiven!

*RESPONSIVE READING: #185 **The Word Became Flesh**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 63:7-14 (pg.599)

New Testament: Matthew 2:13-23 (pg. 778)

SERMON:

"Out of The Past-Into The Future"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

The Magi opened their gifts and honored Him....so too, Lord, we bring our gifts to You. Much like a little drummer boy, we have no gold, frankincense, or myrrh, but we have our love and our devotion to honor and serve You. So, we place our gifts before You and in an act of devotion, we greet You as our King and Lord. All things are Yours and we return a portion of what You have been willing to share with us... in the name of Jesus, our Lord and King... AMEN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #176 "Away in a Manger"

*BENEDICTION

We end the Old year and begin a New one. We bid 2022 farewell with our gratitude for all that God shared with us, no matter what those days may have held.. Now we begin 2023 with hope and promise on the horizon, knowing in whatever may come, we are held in the hand of God.... He comes to walk with you.. walk with Him... He comes to love and care for you..let that love abide in the recesses of your soul and in the life you live... HAPPY...

BLESSED NEW

YEAR !

**Please stand if you are able*

Worship leader for the service today is the Pastor Emeritus of this church, Rev. Charles Stickley. We welcome him and thank him for sharing the wonder of God's love with all of us....

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 Jeanne Quenzer and Bill Baldinger.

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to David Kent for providing them.

Flowers on the Alter are our poinsettia's.

Mission of the month- Joshua Bode Missionary in Oman and Bread of Life Pantry.

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; David Giles, Barbara Sartorius in New Hampshire, Terry Conlin, Jim Gregory

Audio recordings of the weekly sermon are available on our website, HurleyReformedChurch.org.

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Consistory 2022

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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

#171 Silent Night! Holy Night!

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.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing, "Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
Al-le-lu-ia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born:
Christ the Savior is born.

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.

#185 The Word Became Flesh

In the Beginning was the Word,
**And the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**
He was with God in the beginning.
**Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made.**
In him was life.
And that life was the light of men.
The light shines in darkness,
But the darkness has not understood it.

He was in the world,
and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.

**He came to that which was his own,
but his own did not receive him.**

Yet to all who received him,

To those who believed children of God.

He gave the right to become children of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**We have seen his glory,
the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14

#176 Away In The Manger

Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing;
the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus
no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus;
look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask Thee to stay Close
by me forever, and love me,
I pray. Bless all the dear
children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven,
to live with Thee there.

Announcements- January 1, 2023

Bible Study-We would love to have you join us every Tuesday at 9am for Bible Study in the Dutch Room.

Prayer Squares-Prayer squares are available in a basket in the Narthex. Please take one if you know of someone in need of prayer. You may also carry one in your pocket as a reminder to pray for someone, you think needs prayer. The knitter has pray fully knitted it for you.

Flower and Refreshments sign-up sheets for 2023 are on the wall in Shadewald Hall for anyone that would like to sign up for a date!

Tools Needed-The tool box in the church janitor's closet is bear, never really complete. If you have any duplicate hand tools that you no longer need and would consider donating, it would be appreciated. Such as: assorted screwdrivers, wrench's, including adjustable wrench, pliers and socket set. Thank you in advance!

Nominations and Votes for Consistory are:

Elder: Marilyn More

Deacon: Aileen Helsley

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rev. Bill.

Thank you to all that helped make our church look beautiful with poinsettias and decorations this Christmas! We will be taking down the decorations on Friday, Jan. 6th at 9am. Please remember to take your poinsettia home if you haven't already! If anyone knows of a person/place that would enjoy one please let us know as we may have extras.

January missions will go to Joshua Bode Missionary in Oman. He was the minister at Woodstock Reformed, he and his family are missionaries in Oman. We will also do a soup drive collecting for the Bread of Life pantry. Please bring your cans of soup to the church any Sunday in January, Thank you!