

Hurley Reformed Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

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

Leader: In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away
And there is nothing left to do but wait,

All: God, shelter us.

Leader: Be our surrounding darkness,

All: Be fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time.

Leader: In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn

All: And labor on, love on, in faith

Leader: Awaiting your purpose, hid in you

All: Waiting to be born in due time

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We light this first Advent candle in the spirit of Hope, praying that this season may remind each of us that the Son of God is coming. Let this candle burn brightly, signifying our hope in the One who will lead us. Amen.

*HYMN OF APPROACH: #157 **"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we are prone to impatience, despair, and even loss of faith when you do not respond to us in the way we want or at the time we desire. We expect you to answer the prayer we name in the way we want. Forgive us for wanting our tightly-locked and comfortable lives, secured against your intrusions. Forgive our wanting to know the day or the hour you will come. Forgive us for making plans in the expectation that you will fit into them as we want. Forgive us. Look beyond our words and deep within our hearts. See us as you would have us to be. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON (Responsive)

Leader: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, "This is our God!

All: We waited for him and he showed up and saved us!"

Leader: God bent low and came right to us! Friends, believe the good news

of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSIVE READING: LITANY (Responsive)

Leader: We've seen the star in the East, and again we begin our journey to worship the ruler of the Jews. On the advent road, the star lights our anticipation of family gathering, of loving friendship, of saving holiness

All: On the advent road, the star gleams in Rachel's tears for loved ones gone, for times of pain, for times remembered that will be no more.

Leader: On the advent road, the starlight dances with joyous celebration, winter play, carol singing, yuletide spirit, Christmas giving.

All: On the advent road, the star leads us by Herods of greed and need, haste and waste, neglect and death.

Leader: On the advent road, hand in hand, we follow the star.

All: With shepherds' fear and angels' joy, we follow so that we might also see the newborn child.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #163 **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Responsive)

Leader: Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised.

All: Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment; confound our expectations.

leader: Clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word.

All: We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-24 (pg.601)

New Testament: Matthew 24:3-13, 36-44 (pg. 800)

SERMON: "Out of Darkness"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God of Promise, we thank you for coming among us in mercy and hope. Receive our gifts; use them for your work of restoring hope to this broken and waiting world, in the name of our coming Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (excerpts from A Declaration of Faith, 1977)

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

We do not know when the final day will come, but we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end.

There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION: #289 "Soon and Very Soon"

*BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE)

Leader: Now, go out into the world as God's people!

All: We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

Leader: Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

All: We will not falter in bringing hope, peace, and justice to all.

Leader: Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

All: We will not fear the darkness, but will journey toward the light, into the days ahead.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

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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

#157 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

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 ev'ry nation,

Joy of ev'ry longing heart!
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.

#163 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive
Israel, That mourns in lowly exile here Until
the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to
Thee, O Israel!

O Come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the
gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows
put to flight.

Refrain:

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all
things far and nigh. To us the path of knowledge
show, And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain:

O come, Desire of nations; bind All peoples in
one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels
cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain:

#289 Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King!

Refrain
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We're going to see the King!
going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

No more crying there-
we are going to see the King!
No more crying there-
we are going to see the King!
No more crying there-
we are going to see the King!

Refrain

No more dying there-
we are going to see the King!
no more dying there-
we are going to see the King!
No more dying there-
we are going to see the King!

Refrain

Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon,
we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

Refrain

It's That Time Again!!!

Once again it's time to place your orders for poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary for the Holiday season.



Plants are one size, one color, and one price: red at \$8.00 each.

POINSETTIAS

Number of plants: _____ @ \$8.00 each: Total due _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

We are requesting that you take your plant home or deliver it to someone special.

Make Checks Payable to: **Hurley Reformed Church**

Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401

Payment must be received by December 11, 2022

Guest Pastor- We are happy to have Rev. Ruth Kent leading us once again in Worship today!

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 Allan Dumas and Lee Gable.

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments!

Flowers on the Alter are provided by The Gregory Family

November Mission- Bread of Life Food Pantry, Lake Katrine

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; Anthony DiPietro; 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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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

Announcements- November 27, 2022

Starting November 30th Advent Bible Study -Birth Narratives in the Gospels – Why are they there? What are they trying to tell us? Run by Ruth Kent on Wednesdays during Advent, 7pm in the Dutch room. It will be available in person and via zoom. Contact Rev. Bill to sign up.

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 are on the wall in Shadewald Hall for anyone that would like to sign up for a date!

Save the Date!!

December 11th- Cookie Walk after Worship

December 24th- Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm & 9pm

December 25th-Christmas Day Worship at 10am

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated food items to the Bread of Life food pantry this month. Your support was overwhelming and much appreciated by the many families we helped. We certainly are a generous congregation with a big heart!

Mission for December- we will be collecting hats, gloves, scarves, and leggings for the Kingston High School lending closet. All items can be placed in the basket at the top of the stairs. Thank you all for your generosity.

Hurley Reformed Church — Main Street, Hurley, NY

Cookie Walk!
12-11-22 after worship
\$8.00 per lb.

Bakers Needed!
Contact Jeanne Quenzer 845-417-5676

