

Hurley Reformed Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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 (based on Isaiah 9:2)

One: The people have walked in darkness...

Many: **We journey through pandemics, deaths, loss of routine and security.**

One: The people have seen a great light.

Many: **We long for a break in the darkness. We gather around your flame of hope – a word we long for in the days when your flicker of light pours onto the earth.**

One: Let us worship God-with-us.

Prayer: (Based on Psalm 79) Most Holy God, how long will you be filled with wrath? How long will the heat of your anger rise? In a world of chaos, in a time of upheaval, is this your anger burning, or something else? May your will for us be clear, and may the heat of your anger not burn forever. Amen.

HYMN OF APPROACH: #163, "O Come, O Come"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have lost our way, O God. We have looked for hope in the transient. We have sought love from the flawed. We have ached for your grace but have failed to recognize it right under our noses, and refusing to recognize your light within one another. Forgive us, we ask, and guide us. 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 FIRST CANDLE IN THE ADVENT WREATH

Speaker 1: Lighting a candle in the darkness helps us find our way. In

darkness we lose direction. We cannot see where we have been or where we are going. A single candle, flickering brightly, helps us find our way again.

Speaker 2: "Stir up your might, and come to save us. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:2b-3).

The first candle is lit.

Speaker 3: Light one candle; see it glow

Brightly, so that all may know

How one candle shows the way

Making our darkness bright as God's day.

Speaker 4: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All pray: **Dear God, on this first Sunday in Advent, let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter, so that we will be ready for your face to shine upon us at Christmas. 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: #174, "Joyful, Joyful"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

New Testament: Mark 13:24-37

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Hope on its way"

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"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reach out to those who need your support in their day to day needs:

June Van der Laan is home; Rev. Stickleby 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

#190 Angels we have heard

#163 O Come O come

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
 - o *Refrain:*
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
3. 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.
4. 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.

#174 Joyful, Joyful

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You Sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby-- Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus Praise You of Your gift of love.
2. All Your works declare Your glory; All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant. Trumpets sound and
anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, Joined in wonder, love and
praise.

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
 - o *Refrain:*
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR November 22, 2020

Welcome to Hurley Reformed Church this morning. A warm welcome on this first 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 Sandy Emrich and Glenn Decker.

Tune your car radio to 94.9 FM for the service.

Please stay in your car and wave your hellos!

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

Pecans have arrived. The plain pecans have sold out. Still available: milk or dark chocolate clusters. They can be picked up at Sandy Emrich's van or by contacting her to arrange pick up at 845-687-4006....thanks.

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.

Hospital bed available: We have a home version of a hospital bed (electric) to give to anyone in need of it. The only requirement is that you come pick it up at Sunset Terrace in Hurley. Please contact us if you are interested -- Gretchen Giles 339-3611.

The mission of the month for November is the Samaritan's Purse.

Deacon of the month is Linda Clarke-Dido. Contact her at 845-338-0100 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.

HRC Giving Tree

COVID SAFE GIVING — 2020

We will be supporting the
Myer Elementary School again this year.
Our contact, Karen Waligurski (the school nurse),
has requested that we provide **gift cards only**.
(Karen will make sure that the cards get to the families in need.)

Please purchase your cards from where you are comfortable shopping during these COVID times.

<u>Suggested Stores:</u>		<u>Suggested Amount:</u>
ShopRite	CVS	\$10.00
Hannaford	Walgreens	\$15.00
ALDI	Walmart	\$20.00
Target	Stewarts	\$25.00

*Please put your card(s) in an envelope marked **Giving Tree** and drop them in the offering basket or send them to the church with your offering.*

Please make sure the \$ amount on the card is indicated.

Donations are due 12/13/2020

Your generosity will help many families right here in Hurley, NY

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Take a photo
with Santa!

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