

Hurley Reformed Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025; 10:00am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

All: Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

All: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen

*HYMN OF APPROACH: #21 “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences. We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past, when our forebearers did not follow your will but also where we have not as well. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in separation and violence. Forgive us, Lord and help us through your Spirit for us to give and receive forgiveness and reconciliation. 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: For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children,
shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over the will of God,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

Leader: For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For us, when we promote sectarianism above our Oneness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ,

All: O God, we ask forgiveness.

Leader: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,

All: O God, we give you thanks.

Leader: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshipping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all.

All: Amen.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #30 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Psalm 65 (pg.464)

New Testament: Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 848)

SERMON: “Two Very Different Approaches”

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: #85 “Amazing Grace”

*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)

Assisting with Liturgy today is Jeanne Quenzer

Ushers assisting in the service are Aileen Helsley and Terry Gaffken

Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to The Breakfast Club for providing them.

Flowers on the altar are provided by The Alden Family, In memory of Robert K. Alden III; Son, brother, Uncle

Leading us in song is Joy Pollard

Mission of the month will be Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; Lois Morehouse

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

#21 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him;
Praise Him, angels, in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail.
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim.
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee.
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.

All the saints in heaven adore Thee;
We would bow before Thy throne.
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven, and earth, and all creation,
Praise and magnify His name.

#30 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty Fortress is our God,
A Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work his woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name;
From age to age the same;
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim—
We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
For, lo, His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go—
This mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

#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.

Announcements-October 26, 2025

Activities this week:

Monday: 6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall
Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room
2:00pm TaiChi in Schadewald Hall
4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Thursday: 2:00pm TaiChi in Schadewald Hall
4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Friday: 1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
8:00am Sew and So

We are looking for scripture readers. If you'd like to volunteer please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

Mission for October:



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child will begin this month. Boxes will be available today after church and will be due back by Nov. 9. Operation Christmas Child has collected over 232 million shoeboxes since 1993, filled with toys, school supplies, and personal items for children around the world. The project delivers the joy of their first gift ever and also gives them a tangible expression of God's love. All mission envelopes will go toward Operation Christmas Child.

If you choose, you may build a shoebox online rather than physically filling a box. Please see samaritanspurse.org/occ

Upcoming Events:

- Pecans pre-sales will start in November. We will have milk, dark, plain and caramel cluster available for \$13/bag.
- Poinsettia sale is starting soon, flyers will be attached to the bulletin
- Look for our Mitten Tree coming in December
- Our 225th Anniversary celebration in May and June

Save the Date:

- December 14th will be our Cookie Walk.