

Hurley Reformed Church  
First Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in preparation

**All: for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

Leader: We gather in expectation

**All: for joy is about to burst in our midst.**

Leader: We gather in celebration

**All: for we are those people who have said yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.**

Leader: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #167 "The First Noel"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Covenanter of all life, you bring us under your wings and comfort us. You tell us of the day the wolf and lamb will lie together; the leopard and the kid; the calf and the lion. This seems like such a dream, for we act as ferociously as a lion and we hunt like a wolf with our sharp words and negligent actions. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to act in a way that cherishes the beauty of the world which you have sent your Son into. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Speaker 1:** Fire burns. It hurts. It can destroy. Fire also gives warmth and light.

The coming of Christ is both a day of judgment and a day of promise. Two candles, flickering brightly, help us remember that the coming of Christ has many meanings.

**Speaker 2:** "Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky" (Psalm 85:10-11).

*The first two candles are lit.*

**Speaker 3:** Light two candles; see them glow  
Brightly, so that all may know  
How two candles show the way  
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

**Speaker 4:** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All pray:** Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #176 "Away in a Manger"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4 (pg 745)

New Testament: Luke 3:1-6 (pg. 829)

SERMON: "When Peace Isn't so Peace-like"

**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: #175 "O Comr, All Ye Faithful"

\*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)

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Linda Moon and Aileen Helsley

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments! Thank you to the Helsley Family for providing them.

**Christmas trees on the alter** have been gifted by Jim Gregory. As you leave the sanctuary today, please take a pinecone ornament in memory of Sandie Gregory off of one of the trees. Thank you to all who crafted a special pinecone ornament.

**Leading us in song** is Joy Pollard

**Mission of the month** is Angel Food East, Mitten Tree and Coat Drive

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

Judy Bell (Terry Gaffken's mom) needs prayers; Bev Roosa is at the Terraces at Brookmeade; Lori Pinkham is in Wingate at Ulster; Terry Conlin; Shirley Burns; Annmarie Kurtz

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



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**Consistory 2024**

**Elders**

Dennis Croswell, *Property & Maintenance*  
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Glenn Decker, *Senior Elder*  
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Linda Moon, *Missions*  
Bill Baldinger

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Allan Dumas, *Finance*  
Russ Voigtlaender  
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Aileen Helsley, *Youth Ministry*  
Dino Sumerano, *Worship*  
Robert Kindt, *IT*

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*

## #167 The First Noel

1 The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay-  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:*  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!*  
*Born is the King of Israel!*

2 They looked up and saw a star  
Bright in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain*

3 And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

*Refrain*

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain*

5 Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full reverently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Refrain*

## #176 Away in a 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.

## #175 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him- born the King of angels!

*Refrain:*  
*O come, let us adore Him!*  
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*Christ, the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation.  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

*Refrain:*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning.  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

*Refrain:*

## Announcements-December 8, 2024

### *Pinecones*

*Pinecones are little treasures that drop from the trees, and wait like new friends to be found. Some we will pass by. Others we will have for a time before letting go. The rare few....we will keep and treasure forever. All beautiful. Perfect in their imperfection. (author unknown)*

**Misson for December** will be the Angle Food East. We will also have a mitten tree for people to place mittens, hats and gloves on and in our basket we will collect gently wore coats. Thank you for remembering those in need of our help and support.

**Time to order your Poinsettia's**- see reverse for form. Form and payment due by 12/8

**Contribution Envelopes** have arrived! Stop into the office anytime to pick yours up!

**Nominations and Votes** for Consistory are:

Walter Cook, Elder  
Chirstopher Decker, Elder  
Margaret Sass, Elder  
Terry Gaffkin Deacon

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

### ***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.



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### 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.

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