

Hurley Reformed Church  
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 23, 2025; 10:00am  
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

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

PRELUDE  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together.

**All: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

Leader: for the Lord will be our light and our God will be our glory.

**All: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.**

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

\*HYMN OF APPROACH: #20 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious Lord, we come to you confessing that we have failed to live up to what you have commanded. We have contented ourselves with the minimum of following your law and even then we have still come up short. We have fallen short of what you have called us to do and to be. Help us Lord to not just follow your law but also live it out and follow it in our hearts. Help us to love and serve you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON [Words and music found on the inside cover of hymnal.]  
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD’S LAW

\*RESPONSIVE READING (From Psalm 37)

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**All: for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land, and enjoy security.

**All: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**All: He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Leader: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**All: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

Leader: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**All: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

Leader: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**THE WORD OF GOD**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #507 “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 (pg. 37)

New Testament: Luke 6:27-38 (pg. 833)

SERMON: “Not an Easy Path”

**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: #262 “He Lives”

\*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)

**In Person and Zoom Worship** happens at 10am!

**Ushers assisting in the service** are Dennis Croswell and Dino Sumerano

**Please join us** in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments!

**Flowers on the altar** are provided by

**Leading us in song** is Joy Pollard

**Mission of the month will be** The Red Cross relief effort for Asheville NC and we will collect mac and Cheese for Bread of Life Food Pantry

**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

**Audio recordings** of the weekly sermon are available on our website, [HurleyReformedChurch.org](http://HurleyReformedChurch.org).

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### Consistory 2025

#### Elders

Dennis Croswell, *Senior Elder*  
Marilyn More  
Walter Cook  
Christopher Decker, *IT*  
Margaret Sass, *Clerk*  
Bill Baldinger

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Allan Dumas, *Finance*  
Russ Voigtlaender, *Property & Maintenance*  
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Dino Sumerano, *Worship*  
Terri Gaffken, *Missions*

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*

## #20 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the "amen" Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## #507 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to Deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## #262 He Lives

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me, I see His loving care;  
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart!

## Announcements-February 23, 2025

**Activities this week:**

- Monday: 1:00pm Tai Chi in Schadewald Hall  
6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall
- Tuesday: 9:00am Bible Study in the Dutch Room  
4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
- Wednesday: 11am-1pm Soup for Seniors-Hurley Firehouse
- Thursday: 4:15pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
- Friday: 12:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
- Saturday: 9:00am Karate in Schadewald Hall

**The mission for February** will be the relief effort for Asheville NC. After Hurricane Helene, thousands were left homeless or without power and water. The Red Cross offers shelter, food and relief items to those in need. We will also collect mac and cheese for the Bread of Life food pantry. Thank you for remembering those in need of our help and support

**Our 2025 Flower and Refreshments** signup sheets are posted in the hall for anyone that would like to sign up for a date!

**On March 5th** we will gather together to celebrate Ash Wednesday at 6:30pm. If you aren't able to make it to worship that day, feel free come in and get ashes during the day.

**Time to order your Easter Plants!!** Find our order form on the back of this announcement!



### EASTER PLANTS



6" Easter lily	\$9.00
6" Tulip	\$8.00
6" Daffodil	\$8.00
6" Hyacinth	\$8.00
5" Mini Daffodil	\$4.50
4" Primrose	\$3.00
4" Pansy	\$3.50

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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We encourage you to take your flowers home. The church garden is getting full.

Please make checks payable to: Hurley Reformed Church.

Mail or give your order by March 30, 2025 to:

Doris Alden  
236 East Drive  
Hurley NY 12443

