Hurley Reformed Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026; 10am
Rev. William Appleyard-Pekich, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP
OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)
Leader: Lord, how many trouble us.
All: How many say, "There is no help for you in God."
Leader: But you alone are our shield and glory, who lifts us up
All: We cry to you, and you hear us from your holy hill
Leader: We can lie down to sleep and rise again,
All: For you, O Lord, sustain us.
Leader: Rise up, Lord, and save us, Lord our God!
All: May your blessing rest on your people, now and forever

*HYMN OF APPROACH: **#168 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We acknowledge that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. As we begin the celebration this Advent of the coming of your Son into this fallen world for our sakes, we ask that you make real to us both our crying need for your love and help, and the extent of your love and power to redeem us and bring us into fellowship with you and each other, through the power of the coming Christ,

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND SUMMARY OF GOD'S LAW

*RESPONSIVE READING
LIGHTING of 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"
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 MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:
New Testament: 1Corinthians 1:3-9 (pg. 923)
Mark 13:24-37 (pg. 821)

SERMON: "Preparing Ourselves"

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: **#181 "Go, Tell it On the Mountain"**

*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)

Nursery care is available during Sunday worship.
Kindly silence your cellphone during the Service.
Our Scripture Reader today is
Ushers assisting in the service are Jeanne Quenzer and Dino Sumerano
Please join us in Schadewald Hall after worship for refreshments.
Sanctuary Flowers are placed by
Leading us in song is Laura Mara
Our Mission for November is Clinton Ave food pantry
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; Russ Glass and Barbara Bondar
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.

Serving God & Neighbor
Since 1801



Hurley Reformed Church
Hurley, New York

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*

#168 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From Heav'n's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

2. Still thro' the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful step and slow,
Look up! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O, rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

4. For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
By prophet bards fore-told,
When with the ever-circling years
Come round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

#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 every nation,
Joy of every 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.

#181 Go, Tell it On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! thro'out the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And bro't us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Announcements-November 29, 2026

Thank you to James Alley for leading us in worship today.

Events this week:

Monday:	1:15pm-Tia Chi in Schadewald Hall
	6:30pm Al-Anon in Schadewald Hall
Tuesday:	9:00am Bible Study
	4:30pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Thursday:	9:30am OFA Movement Class
	4:30pm Karate in Schadewald Hall
Friday:	8:00am Sew and So in room six
	1:00pm Knitters in the Dutch Room
Saturday:	9:00am Karate in Schadewald Hall

We're pleased to introduce Zeffy, our new online giving system! Zeffy provides a simple and secure way to support our church through online donations and giving. To give online, visit our church website and click **"Donate"** at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting our church!

Join our Youth Group that will meet from 5-6:30 on the Second and Fourth Sunday. For Middle and High School age.

The Mission for November will be Clinton Ave food pantry. In our basket in the Narthex we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. **(Please note we have moved our collection baskets to the Narthex)**

Pray Chain-If you have any updates for our prayer chain please contact Pat Baker; 845-331-2556 or pbaker727@yahoo.com

Please remember to fill out and hand in your family profile form. This will help us keep our system updated with your most current information. Forms can be found in the Narthex and the monthly Spire. Please see Jeanne Quenzer during coffee hour with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

Pecans -They are all here. Pick up your order during coffee hour.

Cookie Walk- Dec. 13th after worship. Bakers needed. Contact Jeanne Quenzer for more information

Poinsettia Sale-see reverse for our order form. Forms due back by Dec. 13th to Kathy Jansen

Thank you everyone who helped with our Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Mission. We delivered 74 shoeboxes and send them $260. for shipping of the boxes.

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.

Please print clearly.

POINSETTIAS

Number of plants:_____ @ $8.00 each: Total due_____

Name:_____

Phone:_____

In Memory of:_____

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In Honor of:_____

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

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