

Abbe Reformed Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2013 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Wreath *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Instrumental)*

Prophetic Reading Matthew 3:1-6

*Choruses *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v.4) see insert

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.

We need a Savior.

Help us to welcome Jesus in our own hearts.

Help us to prepare your way in this world.

O come, O come, God-with-us.

Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #2

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Greeting and Announcements

Children's Time

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Choir Anthem *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 529

Message *Paradise Restored* Pastor Kristen

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* see insert

*Benediction

*Closing Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Instrumental)*

Postlude

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston

Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

Eric Legters, Pianist

**Congregation please stand as able*

2013 Consistory

Elders

Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)
Duane Williams - Clerk (2014)
Quentin Bensink (2015)
Willis Koren (2013)
Nelson TeCrony (2014)
Norvel Willink (2013)

Deacons

(2013) Head Deacon - Steve Holthouse
(2014) Benevolent Treasurer - Mike Einink
(2015) Eric Dunnewold
(2015) Brian Jantzi
(2013) Esther Nickerson
(2014) Garret Willink

"In the name of Christ, we welcome you to the fellowship of Abbe Church, its work and worship, its instruction and service, and to its comfort and blessing."

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Prayer Concerns and Celebrations: Please continue to keep all those who are confined to nursing homes and all those who have ongoing physical problems in your thoughts and prayers, including: *Melissa Brumagin, Bill Deuink, Alice Edwards, Kevin Fardink, Lucas Gibbons, Mary Jane Griffith, Ernie Hinsdale, Carol Hunink, Skylar MacDonald, Lisa Mulligan, Denise Neckers, John and Carol Neckers, Rose Neckers, Karen Nyweide, Brenda Rater, Leann Rhodes, Zack and Ryan See, Paul and Josie TenHuisen, Rake TeWinkle, Kathy Whalen, Bill Wiggers, and Ken Wiggers.*

Also continue to keep each of the older members of our congregation in your prayers.

Pray again this week for our congregation and our community as a whole. Remember *our Pastors, the Consistory, our Sunday School, the Teens On Fire Youth Group, Awana, REACH Ministry, MOPS, Release Time, and Wee Care Preschool.*

Continue to pray again this week for our country, for our President, as well as our national, state and local leaders.

Continue to pray faithfully for the safety of our armed forces in and returning home from various combat zones and for the cause of peace in our world.

Remember again this week to pray for each of our missionaries and mission projects, especially remembering *Ken and Pat Wiggers*, in Duncanville, Texas, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Thank You:

Dear friends at the Abbe and Clymer Hill Churches – Thank you so much for thinking of me and the many prayers and thoughts that went into the beautiful prayer quilt that I received. It has been very comforting to me as I deal with some health challenges. I feel very blessed to live in such a caring faith filled community.

With appreciation and love – *Melissa Brumagin and family*

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this afternoon. We will gather for a delicious lunch & fellowship and then gather in the sanctuary for our meeting. Childcare will be provided. At this meeting, we will vote to elect elders & deacons, review this last year's finances, and hear how the Spirit is working among the ministry of Abbe Church. Please come to participate in the life of the community!

After much prayer and discussion the Nominating Committee has decided on four nominees that have been approved by the Consistory for next year's Consistory. They are: Elders: Harvey Oonk and Lucinda Legters
Deacons: Jason Staples and Phil Beckerink

The nominating committee is: Norvel Willink, Willis Koren, Steve Holthouse, Esther Nickerson, Carletta Russell, Hiram Beckerink, Harvey King, Katrina Nickerson. We would like to thank you for your prayers throughout this process.

Celebrating Advent Meaningfully: If you are interesting in receiving Advent devotionals via email or are wondering how to celebrate the season of Advent creatively and meaningfully as a family, visit www.rca.org/advent for a variety of resources & ideas!

Poinsettias: There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary if you wish to purchase a poinsettia that will also be used as part of the decorations during this Christmas season.

The Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 22 during Sunday School. If your children will not be there, please let me know. *Karen Bensink* 769-7906 twiddle@stny.rr.com

We will be starting up our next Sunday night Bible Study on January 5th, with a study on Abraham. Feel free to join us! We meet from 7-8 pm.

Needed for Community Medical Supply Closet: A wheelchair (with foot rests). If you are able to donate one, please see Leanna Willink.

New titles of care and prayer notes are available in the fellowship hall next to the elevator. These are a wonderful resource on a variety of topics for children, teens, and adults. When you've finished reading one, bless someone by passing it on to a friend, co-worker or family member.

Today:

- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM - Sunday School
- 12:15 PM - Lunch together followed by Congregational Meeting

This Week:

- Monday - 2:00 PM - Pray for Release Time
- Wednesday - 6:15 PM - Awana
 - 6:30 PM - Dwelling in the Word
 - 7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
- Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ladies Ecumenical Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

- Acolytes Mikala Einink and Karlen Honey
- Ushers Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray
- Greeters Larry and Charlotte Holmstrom
- Greeting Elder Norvel Willink
- Nursery Kathy Heil and Cheryl Honey
- Cameraperson Larry McCray
- Pianist Eric Legters

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

- Acolytes Alex Dunnewold and Connor Beal
- Ushers Brent Deuink and Duane Williams
- Greeters John and Jodi Massing
- Greeting Elder Nelson TeCrony
- Nursery Linnel TeCrony and Chelsea Howden
- Cameraperson Evan Legters
- Pianist Eric Legters

Shut in of the Week: Joan TenHaken at Colonial Terrace

Missionaries of the Week: Ken and Pat Wiggers, in Duncanville, Texas

Thank you all for your generosity to God's people! We are overwhelmed and humbled at the response we as the REACH team have received in helping ACAC. All the tags were taken by you all in just one Sunday! If you still are wanting to help out, you can drop a pack of paper towels, toilet paper, napkins or kleenex at the Abbe Church before December 16th. Thank you all so much for helping out those in need. May God continue to pour out His blessing on each of you!

Deacons report for December 1, 2013

General Fund	\$ 4,567.00
Benevolent	1,210.00
Major Projects	100.00
Thanksgiving Offering	8,885.00
Total Offering	\$ 14,762.00

Attendance	146
Sunday School	102

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2013 is \$3,123.00 in the General Fund and \$923.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$149,904.00 and \$44,304.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 48 Sundays is \$134,216.68 in the General Fund and \$41,778.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

Community Christmas Cantata

We encourage and invite members though out our community to join us to sing in the Community Christmas Cantata entitled "Bethlehem's Child." Our director, Dave Calvert, from the Findley Lake Church has listed the practice and performance dates below:

- December 12 7:00pm @ Findley Lake UMC
- December 14 9:00am @ Abbe Reformed Church
- December 15 5:00pm @ Camp Findley (Practice)

Performance will be on Sunday, December 15th at Camp Findley at 7:00pm.

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

vs. 4) O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!