

Abbe Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Prophetic Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

*Advent Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* see insert

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

**The good news of this Advent season
is forgiveness of sin and new life.**

Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

*Hymn *The Advent of Our God* #120

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Greeting and Announcements

Children's Time Pastor Kristen

**Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus love me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Choir Anthem

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 p. 737

Message *God With Us* Pastor Kristen

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering
Offertory *Angels We Have Heard on High* Flute Duet
*Doxology

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come* 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: *Jim Briggs, Melissa Brumagin, Bill Deuink, Alice Edwards, Kevin Fardink, Lucas Gibbons, Mary Jane Griffith, Ernie Hinsdale, Glen Holthouse, Carol Hunink, Skylar MacDonald, Nathan and Laura Miller family, Lisa Mulligan, Denise Neckers, John and Carol Neckers, Rose Neckers, Karen Nyweide, Val Panetta, 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 *David and Charlene Alexander*, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Recently at **Abbe's Annual Congregational Meeting** the congregation elected Harvey Oonk & Lucinda Legters as elders and Jason Stapels & Phil Beckerink as deacons. Thank you to all who attended. Our belonging to each other as the Body of Christ includes even business meetings, and we are truly grateful for the attention and time each of you gave.

-Pastors Kristen & Noah

Newsletter - Please have anything that should be included in the January/February Newsletter turned in to the Church Office by Friday, December 27th.

Teens On Fire upcoming events:

December 28 - Father/Son breakfast at Abbe Church at 9am.

The Christmas Program will be held today following Morning Worship. Join us as our Sunday School children share with us their talents during this Christmas season.

Christmas Eve Service this Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. We will follow the ancient pattern of a service of lessons & carols and close the service with candlelight. We are looking for readers for the scripture passages throughout the service; if this is a way you'd like to serve, please connect with Pastor Kristen or Noah.

On Sunday December 29th we will be welcoming *Rev. Jacquie Rhodes* to our Pulpit for Morning Worship and on January 5th *Rev. Roy Miller* will be with leading us in Worship.

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.

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.

Mark your calendars! The next **Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Work Day** will be Saturday, January 11th, 9 am - 3 pm, in the Abbe Fellowship Hall. Now is a great time to lend your talents to this busy ministry! Please let Gail or Carrie know if you plan to be there. Lunch will be provided; feel free to bring a snack or dessert if you feel so inclined.

Today:

10:15 AM - Morning Worship
11:30 AM - Annual Sunday School Christmas Program

This Week:

Tuesday - 7:30 - PM Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday - **Christmas Day**
Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ladies Ecumenical Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Saturday - 9:00 AM - Father/Son Breakfast at Abbe Church

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Sydney Shampoe
Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
Greeters Eric and Anndrea Dunnewold
Greeting Elder Duane Williams
Nursery Bryan and Esther Nickerson
Cameraperson Andrew Heil
Pianist Eric Legters

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Corey Massing and Brady Duryee
Ushers Mike Einink and Doug Whitmore
Greeters Judy Bensink and Dianne Einink
Greeting Elder Willis Koren
Nursery Mike and Patti Einink
Cameraperson Breanna Summers
Pianist Eric Legters

Shut in of the Week: Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: David and Charlene Alexander, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Support our Local Hospice

There is a Hospice Tree at the Dutch Village Restaurant. Red bows are available for a \$5.00 donation in honor of a loved one.

Deacons report for December 15, 2013

General Fund	\$ 1,875.00
Benevolent	580.00
Organ Fund	500.00
Thanksgiving Offering	300.00
Memorial	275.00
Poinsettias	29.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,559.00

Attendance	140
Sunday School	104

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 \$156,150.00 and \$46,150.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 50 Sundays is \$138,683.24 in the General Fund and \$43,248.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou branch of Jesse's stem,
unto thine own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.