

# Abbe Reformed Church

Christ the King Sunday  
November 22, 2015 – 10:15 AM

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship

\*Gathering Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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\*Prayer of Confession

**If I'm honest, God,  
I don't always trust you.  
My lips say "Jesus is King,"  
but so often  
I act as though you are powerless  
in the real world.  
So often, I act like brokenness and death  
are here to stay.  
Help me to live with confidence  
in your presence today  
and in hope of your kingdom here on earth,  
like it is in heaven. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

*Our God Reigns*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-25

see insert

Message

*What Pleases the Lord*

Pastor Kristen

## OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Practicing Prayer: A Sacrifice of Praise

Sending Song

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

\*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston  
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

*\*Congregation please stand as able*

## 2015 Consistory

### Elders


Scott Bensink - Vice President (2015)  
Eleanor Aikens (2017)  
Quentin Bensink (2015)  
Lucinda Legters (2016)  
Harvey Oonk (2016)  
Mark Summers (2017)

### Deacons

(2015) Head Deacon - Eric Dunnewold  
(2016) Benevolent Treasurer - Philip Beckerink  
(2015) Brian Jantzi  
(2017) Scott Neckers  
(2016) Jason Stapels  
(2017) Laurie TeWinkle

*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:** 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: *Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Braydon Dobson, Cindy Gabriel, Liam Gibbons, Brad Johnson, Sandy Koerselman, Skylar McDonald, Matthew Miller, Phyllis Morton, Mary Schruers, Zach See, JosieTenHuisen, The TeWinkle Family, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden, Doug Whitmore and Judy Willink.*

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, and Wee Care Preschool.*

Continue to pray again this week for our country, for all the unrest around the country and the world, 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 *Richard and Donna Swart* in Omo, Ethiopia, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

**Please join us after the service to have your blood pressure checked today.**

### **Fellowship Dinner Today!**

After Sunday School today, we will be gathering in for a Fellowship Dinner! Italian will be the main course, and all are welcome to come! Let us end this season of the church's life together as one body around a table.

As we prepare our hearts for the Thanksgiving season, we'd like to have the congregation fill our fellowship hall with words of thanks. "I am thankful for" cards are available in the fellowship hall. Take a moment to fill one out and add it to the bulletin board.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

### **Community Thanksgiving Service**

All are welcome to gather for a simple service of prayer, Scripture, and offering our gratitude before the Lord and each other this coming Wednesday night, November 25, at 7:30pm at Abbe Reformed Church. The offering we receive will benefit our local Area Christian Action Council (ACAC). Come, let us give thanks to the God of all the earth!

*If you'd like to sing with the choir for the Community Thanksgiving Service, we'll go over a song at 6:30 prior to the service.*

**The 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade class** is looking for a leader for December 27- February 28<sup>th</sup>.

They are following the Dwell curriculum which is leading them through God's story.

Please see Chelsea for more information or if you would like to look over the materials.

Even if you can sign up for a Sunday or two, it will be most appreciated!!

Sign up sheet is on back table.

If you are able and willing to sit in the nursery with our little ones, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are currently on and want to remain on the list – do nothing. If you are currently on and wish to be taken off, write your name on the list and write remove beside your name. If you are not on and feel called to be on this list, please sign up. Any questions, contact Esther Nickerson at (716) 355-4131. Thank you and God Bless! Esther

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nominations for Elder and Deacon for 2016: Amanda Willink and Esther Nickerson for Deacon, and Trudy Williams and Laurie Holthouse for Elder. Consistory gratefully affirms the giftedness of these candidates. The election will happen at Abbe's annual meeting on December 6. As in past years, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to nominate additional candidates from the floor at the annual meeting. This year, Consistory decided to allow written nominations before the annual Meeting. Congregational nominations may be submitted to the pastors. Any additional nominations would need a motion and a second during the annual meeting. If you have any questions about our process, please come talk with Pastors Noah or Kristen.

**ACAC** Churches are collecting paper products now through December 13 to hand out at the December food distribution (paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, facial tissue). Please put them in the container in the Fellowship Hall.

**Today:**

- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM - Sunday School
- 12:00 Noon - Fellowship Dinner together
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study

**This Week:**

Wednesday - 7:30 PM - ACAC Thanksgiving Service

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK**

- Acolytes Karlen Honey and Holly Neckers
- Ushers Mark Summers and Duane Williams
- Greeters Jason and Amanda Stapels
- Greeting Elder Scott Bensink
- Nursery Anndrea and Lauren Dunnewold
- Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson
- Sound Volunteer

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

- Acolytes Trent Shampoe and Porter Willink
- Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
- Greeters Eric and Anndrea Dunnewold
- Greeting Elder Eleanor Aikens
- Nursery Tina Koerselman
- Cameraperson Larry McCray
- Sound Volunteer Willowe Neckers

**Shut in of the Week:** Doris Michael at Corry Manor

**Missionaries of the Week:** Richard and Donna Swart in Omo, Ethiopia

**Teens On Fire Fall 2015 Schedule**

December 5: Youth Night – 6 am - 8:00 pm at Abbe

**The Living Christmas Tree** – There is information on the bulletin board for where you can purchase tickets for performances at the Frist Covenant Church in Jamestown.

**Deacons report for November 15, 2015**

General Fund	\$ 2,700.00
Benevolent	880.00
Major Projects	185.00
Memorial	100.00
 Total Offering	 \$ 3,865.00

Attendance	116
Sunday School	86

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2015 is \$3,183.00 in the General Fund and \$936.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$146,418.00 and \$43,056.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 46 Sundays is \$132,590.61 in the General Fund and \$39,241.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

**Benefit Chicken and Biscuit Dinner** on December 6<sup>th</sup> for Chris Park, Firefighter, injured in the woods in October. Sponsored by Findley Lake Fire Dept. and the Findley Lake United Methodist Church. Dinner from 12:30 to 4:00pm Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$5.00, under 5 free.

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## The Prayer Box

The prayer box that is up on the altar, is by no means unique. You've, perhaps, heard of prayer boxes, and know what they are for. They're either keeping places for favorite scriptures, or they're similar to a prayer journal, only more flexible. Any scrap of paper will do, anywhere, any time of the day or night. The important part, in a world of fractured thoughts, hurried moments, and scattershot prayers, is to take the time to think through, to write down, to clarify in your own mind the things you're asking for, the things you're grateful for, the things you're troubled or hurting about, the hopes you've been nurturing. And then?

### **Put them in the box and...Let. Them. Go.**

That's what *trust* is. It's letting go of the worry. It's the way of peace and also the way of God. Things happen that you hadn't anticipated and wouldn't choose and can't change. That's the tough part.

Closing the lid on a prayer box is symbolic of so many things. When we give a prayer over to God, it's supposed to be in God's hands after that.

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Write It Here – Fold It Up –Lift It Up - Let It Go