

Abbe Reformed Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2015 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Lighting the Advent Wreath

*One: Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in peace,
the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.*

Many: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

*Gathering Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* #128

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, my life is filled with sin.
I forget my neighbor's needs
and do not love you above all else.
I need a Savior.**

Touch the Sky

**Help me to be ready for Jesus in my own heart.
O come, O come, Savior of the world.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *O Come, Let Us Adore Him* #82

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-55 see insert

Message *Living in Peace* Pastor Noah

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering
Offertory *Breath of Heaven* Choir
*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song *Shine, Jesus Shine*

*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: *Linda Bensink, Paul Covey, Dave and Kathy Crowell, Braydon Dobson, Cindy Gabriel, Liam Gibbons, Thelma Heil, Everett King, Sandy Koerselman, Tara Koerselman, Tina Koerselman, Skylar McDonald, Matthew Miller, Phyllis Morton, Mary Schruers, Zach See, JosieTenHuisen, 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 Ethiopia, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Today is Blood Pressure Sunday! Take a moment to care for yourself...please join us after the service to have yours checked.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will follow Morning Worship today. Please stay and see what the children have planned for us.

A group of students from the Gannon Occupational Therapy Program, including Katrina Nickerson, will be traveling to India on December 27th to work with the orphans, of varied ages. This is for our fieldwork I experience, so we will be there to implement some techniques that we have learned through our schooling, as well as teaching some of these strategies to the Sisters there. The children at this orphanage are in great need of therapeutic games and toys, so we need help! We are collecting as many donations as possible. There is a flyer on the bulletin board that we have created with further details.

Women's Meeting – December 21st at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying Lesson 23 in our study book. Remember our special offering and gift exchange.

The 7th- 8th grade class is looking for a leader for December 27- February 28th. 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.

Poinsettias – There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you wish to purchase a poinsettia to be used as part of our Christmas decorations. The cost is \$9.00.

Newsletter – Please have anything you wish to have included in the January/February Newsletter turned in to the Church Office by tomorrow, Monday, December 21st.

New Consistory Members

At the recent Congregational Meeting Laurie Holthouse and Trudy Williams were elected to the office of Elder and Esther Nickerson and Amanda Willink were elected to the office of Deacon for Abbe Reformed Church.

These individuals will be installed during the Morning Worship Service on January 10, 2016

Volunteer transportation

Hello, people of Abbe! Sally Byler, our new cleaning person, has been adjusting well to caring for our building since August. We are so pleased to have her working to ensure our facility is clean, tidy, and hospitable for the many ministries and activities that take place (sometimes on a daily basis) in our church building. We have been impressed by her resourcefulness, cheerful disposition, and her ability to clean efficiently.

We at Abbe have set an hourly wage and a maximum number of hours a week for this position. Sally arranges her own transportation to clean the church, and pays for it from within her salary. While this has been our mutual arrangement from the beginning, Sally's transportation costs can be significant. As the Consistory's executive committee met this last week, we thought of making an appeal to the congregation to ask if someone within our community is willing to donate their time & gas to transport Sally once a week to clean the church. This would be a standing, weekly commitment of one day a week. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Saturday all would be good days to choose from to transport Sally. She lives on Pork Road. If this sounds like a way that you'd like to contribute to the church's life & mission (and enjoy getting to know Sally!) please see Pastor Kristen.

Today:

10:15 AM - Morning Worship
11:30 AM - Sunday School Christmas Program
7:00 PM - Bible Study

This Week:

Monday - 1:30 PM - Women’s Ministries Meeting
Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
8:00 PM - Choir Practice
Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women’s Bible Study at Abbe
7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

Acolytes Jonathan Massing and Brant Willink
Ushers Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeters Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse
Greeting Elder Harvey Oonk
Nursery Bryan and Esther Nickerson
Cameraperson Larry McCray
Sound Volunteer Duane Williams

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

Acolytes Karlen Honey and Holly Neckers
Ushers Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray
Greeters Tracy and Laurie TeWinkle
Greeting Elder Quentin Bensink
Nursery
Cameraperson Josh Summers
Sound Volunteer Jason Stapels

Shut in of the Week: Carol Neckers at Corry Manor

Missionaries of the Week: Richard and Donna Swart in Ethiopia

Pastors Noah and Kristen will be away visiting family from December 26 – January 4. Please contact an Elder with any concern that may arise.

A sound system thank you!

I wanted to take a moment to thank the volunteers that helped with Abbe's new sound system over the past couple of years. It's been a long journey and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of many people.

Thank you to the following people who were part of the Audio/Video Committee that set forth the goals and recommendations for the new sound system: Noah Livingston, Harvey Oonk, Jennifer Schruers, Mark Summers, and the late Eric Legters.

I also want to thank the following people for their help installing and setting up the various equipment and cables: Eric Dunnewold, Noah Livingston, Scott Neckers, Harvey Oonk, Tim Rater, and Duane Williams. Lastly, I want give an extra thanks to Duane Williams for the many hours and late night help he put in throughout the installation process. - Jason

Deacons report for December 13, 2015

General Fund \$ 2,780.00
Benevolent 500.00
Major Projects 3,060.00
Thanksgiving Offering 200.00

Total Offering \$ 6,540.00

Attendance 120
Sunday School 85

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 \$159,150.00 and \$46,800.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 50 Sundays is \$144,508.61 in the General Fund and \$42,196.00 in the Benevolent Fund.

Pastors Drop-in Office Hours

Pastors Kristen & Noah have office hours each week in their church study Tuesday 1-3:00 and Friday 10-11:30. Of course, you're always welcome to schedule a time to meet with us as well!

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