

# Abbe Reformed Church

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Prelude	<i>The Christmas Blessing</i>	Choir
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World!</i>	#125
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 52:7-10	
*Hymns	<i>What Child Is This? (verse 1 &amp; 3)</i>	#137
	<i>O Holy Night! (verses 1 &amp; 3)</i>	#148
New Testament Reading	Luke 2:1-20	see reverse
*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem (Verses 1 &amp; 4)</i>	#141
Children's Sermon		Pastor Kristen
Anthem	<i>The First Noel</i>	Choir
Gospel Reading	John 3:16-17	
Message		Pastor Noah
*Hymn	<i>God With Us</i>	
Prayer		
Candle Lighting	<i>Silent Night</i>	#147

## Isaiah 52:7-10

- <sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of a messenger  
who proclaims peace,  
who brings good news,  
who proclaims salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God rules!"
- <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your lookouts lift their voice;  
they sing out together!  
Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion.
- <sup>9</sup> Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has comforted his people and has redeemed Jerusalem.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord has bared his holy arm in view of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth have seen our God's victory.

## John 3:16-17

- <sup>16</sup> God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone  
who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God didn't  
send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might  
be saved through him.

*please enrich Sunday morning worship by joining in at 10:15am*

*\*Please stand as able*

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## Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. <sup>2</sup> This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. <sup>3</sup> Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. <sup>4</sup> Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. <sup>5</sup> He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. <sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom. <sup>8</sup> Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. <sup>9</sup> The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. <sup>11</sup> Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." <sup>16</sup> They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. <sup>18</sup> Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.