

Abbe Reformed Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Lighting the Advent Wreath

*Gathering Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #123

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.**

**You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!**

**You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Chat

Hymn *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful* #119

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 see insert

Message *Advent: Of Calves and Lions* Pastor Kristen

Celebrating the Lord's Supper see insert

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering
Offertory *Christmas Communion Song*
*Doxology #625

Greeting and Announcements
Prayers of the People

*Sending Hymn *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* #241

*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

**Congregation please stand as able*

2016 Consistory

Elders

Lucinda Legters - Vice President (2016)
Eleanor Aikens - Clerk (2017)
Mark Summers - Assistant Clerk (2017)
Laurie Holthouse (2018)
Harvey Oonk (2016)
Trudy Williams (2018)

Deacons

(2016) Head Deacon - Jason Stapels
(2016) Benevolent Treasurer - Philip Beckerink
(2017) Scott Neckers
(2018) Esther Nickerson
(2017) Laurie TeWinkle
(2018) Amanda 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: 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, Anna Donisi, Thelma Heil, Dorothy Meyerink, Esther Nickerson, Billy Rick, Jessie Rick, Justin Svetz, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden and Ann Veal.*

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 for America.

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 *Dick and Carolyn Otterness* in Hungary, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

Annual Congregation Meeting & Luncheon:

Abbe's annual meeting will be held **today**, December 4th following the morning worship service. Sunday School classes will be canceled to accommodate the meeting and child care will be provided. Following the meeting, we will gather together for a lunch of soup, salads and sandwiches.

Consistory Nominations:

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nominations for Elder and Deacon for 2017:

Renee TeCulver and Nelson TeCrony for Elder, and Judy Willink and Kelly White for Deacon. Consistory has affirmed these candidates and the election will happen at the annual Congregational meeting. As in past years, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to nominate additional candidates from the floor at the annual meeting. Please talk with Pastors Noah or Kristen if you have any questions about this process.

Sunday School Christmas Program: Sunday December 18th during Sunday School hour. Stay and enjoy the message the classes have prepared for us!!

Sunday School program practice is on December 11th.

The Men's class will be relocated upstairs in the Half Time Huddle room and Friendly Corners will meet in the Prayer Meeting room.

Teens On Fire - Youth Night will be held Saturday night, December 17th, at Abbe Reformed Church from 6-8 pm.

If you would be interested in taking a turn at sitting in the nursery, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. If you are currently on the list and want your name off, please put your name on the list with "remove" beside it. Please remember you can still see and hear the worship service in the nursery. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Esther Nickerson at (716) 355-4131.

Poinsettias - There's also a sheet on the back table on which you can sign up if you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the upcoming Christmas season. The cost will be \$9.00.

COME LET US ADORE, a Christmas Cantata based on the Chris Tomlin Christmas CD of the same name, will be performed as a benefit for Camp Findley, Sunday, December 18th at 7:00PM. Practices have begun, as of Thursday, November 3rd, at 7:00 PM at the Findley Lake United Methodist Church. All singers are welcome to join us. We are looking for 40 voices to get the optimal effect from the music. Please come for this worthy cause to save Camp Findley, and join us in the Christmas spirit!

Do you have a passion for Christian education and children? Do you feel God calling you to serve in a new way this year?

If so, the Wee Care Christian Preschool Board would like you to consider joining us! We are looking for an Abbe member to fill the position vacant on the Preschool Board. Please see Laurie Holthouse for additional information or any questions. Thank you for praying about this opportunity and allowing the preschool to continue on the road to success!

Today:

- 9:30 AM - Prayer Time
- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship
- 11:30 AM - Annual Congregational Meeting
Lunch immediately following Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study

This Week:

- Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA
7:30 PM - Bell Choir Practice
8:30 PM - Choir Practice
- Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe

SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK

- Acolytes Trent Shampoe and Jonathan Massing
- Ushers Steve Holthouse and Larry McCray
- Greeters Judy Bensink and Dianne Einink
- Greeting Elder Eleanor Aikens
- Nursery Tim and Brenda Rater
- Cameraperson Corey Massing
- Sound Volunteer Duane Williams

SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK

- Acolytes Natalie White and Callie Willink
- Ushers Mark Summers and Duane Williams
- Greeters Tim and Brenda Rater
- Greeting Elder Mark Summers
- Nursery Tina and Tara Koerselman
- Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson
- Sound Volunteer Willowe Neckers

Shut in of the Week: Maxine Legters at Heritage Green Rehab

Missionaries of the Week: Dick and Carolyn Otterness in Hungary

Senior Auction Update:

The Senior Auction will be Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00pm in the Elementary Gym at CCS.

Deacons report for November 27, 2016

General Fund	\$	3,375.00
Benevolent		1,000.00
Major Projects		250.00
Thanksgiving Offering		9,525.00
 Total Offering	\$	 14,150.00

Attendance	125
Sunday School	74

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2016 is \$3,306.00 in the General Fund and \$922.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$158,688.00 and \$44,256.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 48 Sundays is \$139,590.41 in the General Fund and \$41,005.00 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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