

# Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2016 – 10:15 AM

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Lighting the Advent Wreath

\*Gathering Hymn                      *Joy To The World*                      #125

Scripture Reading                      James 5:7-10

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have not kept watch for you.**

**We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.**

**We have not waited to find your will for us.**

**We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.**

**We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.**

**We have been too busy to look for your healing around us.**

**Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.**

**Help us to wait to know your will.**

**Help us to look out for the needs of others.**

**Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Chat

Hymn                                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*                                      #141

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading                      Isaiah 35                      see insert

Message                                      *Advent: From Here to There*                      Pastor Noah

## OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering

Offertory

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

\*Doxology

#625

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People

\*Sending Song

*Our God*

\*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, Anna Donisi, Thelma Heil, Dorothy Meyerink, Esther Nickerson, Billy Rick, Jessie Rick, Justin Svez, Wilbur and Jo VanEarden, Ann Veal and Brenda Wassink.*

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 *Jeff and Chelsea Lampen* in Romania, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

**Due to the Christmas Sunday School Program next Sunday, the monthly Blood Pressure Screening will be today! Please join us after the service to have your BP checked in the heritage room.**

Those elected to Consistory at last Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting were Renee TeCulver and Nelson TeCrony to the Office of Elder and Judy Willink and Kelly White to the Office of Deacon.

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

**Sunday School program practice** is **today** during the Sunday School hour. 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.

**Annual Clymer Veterans Hunt** (Week End Celebration) - Please come and join us at Edwards Chapel, 9227 Cherry Hill Road on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to share in the celebration of four of our finest military veterans.

**2017 Benevolent Budget** - There are copies of the amended Benevolent Budget for next year on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

**2017 Contribution Envelopes** are also on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

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 are 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!

**Clymer-French Creek Free Library** is having Movie Night on Friday, December 16 at 3:30 -5:00.

All are welcome. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Any questions contact the library at (716)355-8823.

**The Clymer-French Creek Free Library** is having Story Hour for children 3-7 years old on Saturday, December 17, at 11:00-12:00.

Any questions contact the library at 355-8823.

**Today:**

- 9:30 AM - Prayer Time
- 10:15 AM - Morning Worship  
Blood Pressure check in Heritage Room following Worship
- 11:30 AM - Sunday School
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study

**This Week:**

- Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Consistory Meeting
- 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
- Saturday - 6:00 - 8:00 PM - Youth Night at Abbe

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS 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

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

- Acolytes Dayne Jantzi and Porter Willink
- Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
- Greeters Willis Koren and Doris Holthouse
- Greeting Elder Lucinda Legters
- Nursery Renee' TeCulver and Laurie TeWinkle
- Cameraperson Larry McCray
- Sound Volunteer Sonya Shampoe

**Shut in of the Week:** Darwin TenHaken at Corry Manor

**Missionaries of the Week:** Jeff and Chelsea Lampen in Romania

**Deacons report for December 4, 2016**

General Fund	\$	2,859.00
Benevolent		700.00
Major Projects		470.00
Thanksgiving Offering		215.00
 Total Offering	\$	 4,244.00

Attendance	121
Sunday School	

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 \$161,994.00 and \$45,178.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 49 Sundays is \$142,449.41 in the General Fund and \$41,705.00 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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