

# Abbe Reformed Church

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Prelude		Organ
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
*Gathering Words		<i>see screen</i>
*Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	#145
	Titus 2:11-14 <i>What Child is This?</i>	#137
	Titus 3:4-7 <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	#132
	Hebrews 1:1-4 <i>O Holy Night! (verses 1 &amp; 3)</i>	#148
Children's Chat		
Anthem	<i>One Candle Lights the Way</i>	Choir
Message	Matthew 1:18-25	Pastor Kristen
*Hymn	<i>God With Us</i>	<i>see screen</i>
Prayer		
Candle Lighting	<i>Silent Night</i>	<i>see back</i>

## Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. <sup>20</sup> As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

<sup>23</sup> *Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son,  
And they will call him, Emmanuel.*

(Emmanuel means "God with us.")

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

*Please join us tomorrow for breakfast! 9-10am, with casual worship following*

*\*Please stand as able*

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## *Silent Night*

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!  
Jesus Lord, at thy birth!