

# Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday after The Epiphany  
January 22, 2017 – 10:15 AM

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

\*Gathering Song                      *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*                      #51

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned  
against you and one another  
in both our actions and our inactions.**

**Light has come in Jesus Christ,  
but we're comfortable in the shadows.  
Light has come in Jesus Christ,  
but our shame thrives in darkness.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins,  
tell us we are loved,  
and teach us to shed our shame.**

**In the light of your Word,  
make us alive,  
and raise us in the radiance of Christ's glory.  
Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Song of Preparation                      *Amazing Grace*                      #202

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading                      Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32                      see insert

Message                      *Belonging*                      Pastor Noah

## OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering  
Offertory                      *Remind Me, Dear Lord*                      Choir  
\*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song                      *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*                      #201

\*Benediction

Pastors Kristen & Noah Livingston  
Jennifer Schruers, Music Director

*\*Congregation please stand as able*

## 2017 Consistory

### Elders

Trudy Williams (2018) - Vice President  
Eleanor Aikens (2017) - Clerk  
Reneé TeCulver (2019) - Assistant Clerk  
Laurie Holthouse (2018)  
Nelson TeCrone (2019)

### Deacons

Head Deacon - (2017) Laurie TeWinkle  
Benevolent Treasurer - (2019) Judy Willink  
(2017) Scott Neckers  
(2018) Esther Nickerson  
(2019) Kelly White  
(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, Esther Nickerson, Billy Rick, Jessie Rick, Tina Rick, Justin Svetz, 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. Pray for our new President and the transition taking place in the government of our Country at this time.

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 *David and Charlene Alexander* in Tainan, Taiwan, as we ask that God will continue to bless their efforts as they reach out to others in Jesus' name.

**2017 REACH Ministry Volunteer Sign-ups** should be completed **today**, January 22nd. Please pray and consider how God would have you volunteer your time, energy and gifts in the coming year. Extra volunteer forms may be found on the back table. Completed forms may be placed in the designated 'REACH' box on the back table.

**Our next Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt work day** will be this Saturday, January 28 in the Abbe Fellowship Hall, 9 am - 3 pm. Beat the mid-winter blues and join us to create quilts that will bless those in need. There is a job for everyone, even if you don't sew!

**Teens On Fire** - Youth Night at Clymer United Methodist Church - February 4 from 6-8pm

**A special thanks** to Madeline Edwards for sharing her gift of baking with us. Your cookies are delicious!

**Consistory Agendas** for Tuesday night's meeting are in Consistory Members mailboxes.

**2016 Contribution receipts** are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Western Theological Seminary** would like to thank Abbe Church for our ongoing support. Please take a minute to read the entire letter posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Our Pastors are graduates of Western.

**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 - Sunday School
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study

**This Week:**

- Tuesday - 7:30 PM - Consistory Meeting
- Wednesday - 6:15 PM - AWANA  
8:30 PM - Choir Practice
- Thursday - 1:30 PM - Ecumenical Women's Bible Study at Abbe
- Saturday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Prayers and Squares Quilt Work Day

**SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS WEEK**

- Acolytes Natalie White and Callie Willink
- Ushers Mark Summers and Duane Williams
- Greeters Larry and Charlotte Holmstrom
- Greeting Elder Nelson TeCrony
- Nursery Anndrea and Lauren Dunnewold
- Cameraperson Daniel Gustafson
- Sound Volunteer

**SERVING THE LORD AND US NEXT WEEK**

- Acolytes Holly Neckers and McKenna Campbell
- Ushers Eric Heil and Esther Nickerson
- Greeters Jason and Amanda Stapels
- Greeting Elder Renee' TeCulver
- Nursery Renee' TeCulver and Laurie TeWinkle
- Cameraperson Larry McCray
- Sound Volunteer

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

**Missionaries of the Week:** David and Charlene Alexander in Tainan, Taiwan

**Deacons report for January 15, 2017**

General Fund	\$	2,805.00
Benevolent		1,000.00
Major Projects		105.00

Total Offering \$ 3,910.00

Attendance	102
Sunday School	70

Needed per Sunday to meet our Budget in 2017 is \$3,230.00 in the General Fund and \$817.00 in the Benevolent Fund. Needed to date in General is \$9,690.00.00 and \$2,451.00 in Benevolent.

Received for 3 Sundays is \$12,950.52 in the General Fund and \$2,400.00 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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