

Abbe Reformed Church

Third Sunday in Advent
December 17, 2017 – 10:15 AM

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

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

*Lighting the Advent Wreath

Hymn *How Great Our Joy* #144

*Prayer of Confession

**God of salvation,
in Christ you have done great things—
our hearts are filled with joy!**

**By your power you lifted us up out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom.
Salvation is your gift to us.**

**But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have.**

**Forgive us for our foolishness.
Help us to focus on your grace.
Help us to live grateful lives in return.
For Jesus' name, Amen.**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sharing in the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Song of Preparation *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* #135

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 see insert

Message *Joy Will Be Theirs* Pastor Kristen

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Offering
Offertory *Mary Did You Know?* Choir
*Doxology

Greeting and Announcements
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Song *Canticle of the Turning*

*Benediction

Pastors Noah & Kristen 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
Roger Dunnewold (2017)
Laurie Holthouse (2018)
Nelson TeCrone (2019)

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Head Deacon - (2017) Laurie TeWinkle
Benevolent Treasurer - (2019) Judy Willink
(2018) Mark Honey
(2017) Scott Neckers
(2018) Esther Nickerson
(2019) Kelly White

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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