

**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you could worship with us today.  
*Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate to help us connect with you!*

**Welcome Rev. Larry Hoop** – He will be preaching and administrating communion during the Worship Service.

**Daniel Rust** – Will be preaching Sunday, December 28.

**Christmas Program** - Tonight at 5:30 p.m. the Colfax Center Kids will be presenting “Symbols of Christmas” Play with music. Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319-269-1687) or Karen Boomgarden (319-823-0108). A meal to follow the program.

**Donation Envelopes** – The little brown envelopes for donating for Christmas Sacks are in the Narthex. It is due today, please place in the offering plate.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Dec. 24, 5pm, we will have our traditional Christmas Candlelight Service, featuring the singing of Christmas hymns, a message and finishing with a candlelit singing of Silent Night. You won’t want to miss it!

**Newsletter** – All content submission for the January-February Newsletter are due today to Patti Norris.

**Prayer Concerns** – For Prayer concerns contact Patti Norris (319) 824-5231 or (319) 823-0151.

# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

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**Sunday December 21, 2025**

**Reflection Before Service**

Jesus is the underlying reality to which all the stories point . . . That means . . . that there **is** and evil sorcerer in this world, and we are under enchantment, and there *is* a noble prince who has broken the enchantment, and there is a love from which we will never be parted. And we will indeed fly someday and we will defeat death, and in this world, now “red in tooth and claw,” someday even the trees are going to dance and sing. (Psalm 65:13, 96:11-13)

Tim Keller, *Hidden Christmas*

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**Prelude**  
**Announcements**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

*Albers Family*

**\*Call to Worship**

Isaiah 9:6-7a

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

GHF 100 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

**Call to Confession**

John 1:9-11

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession.**

The Lord's Prayer  
(*Back of Sermon Outline*)

**Assurance of Pardon**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**\*Song of Celebration**

GHF 93 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Worship Through Giving**

General Fund

**\*Doxology**

**\*Greeting**

*Leader: “The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you”*  
Congregation: **“And also with you”**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication**

**Reading of God's Word**

Luke 2:1-20

**Sermon**

“Good News!”

Rev. Larry Hoop

**\*Confession of Faith**

(*Back Of Sermon Outline*)

Apostles' Creed

**Celebrating The Lord's Supper**

**\*Song of Response**

GHF 85 – Silent Night

**Benediction and Postlude**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, December 21**

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages  
5:30p – Christmas Program  
Meal to Follow

### **Wednesday, December 24**

5:00p – Candlelight Service

### **Sunday, December 28**

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages  
6:30p – Women’s Prayer Group

### **Serving Sunday, December 28**

**Coffee Chat:** Andrew & Amanda E

**Coffee Fellowship:** Fran H & Wava H

**Greeters:** Harberts & Johnsons

**Nursery Worship:** Andrew & Amanda E

**Nursey (SS):** Andrew & Amanda E

**Elevator Attendant:** Bryce E

**PowerPoint:** Jane L

**Camera:** Steve J

**Sound:** Larry F

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email [secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto:secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org) of upcoming meetings to ensure building access and up-to-date calendars.

**Please communicate all announcements to the church office  
weekly by 3:00 p.m. Wednesdays.**

## **CENTER PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERNS**

As you go to the Lord in prayer, please read the following scripture:

**Romans 12:12 “*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.*”**

### **Our nation and its leaders.**

### **The ministries of our church:**

- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church.
- Current Elders: Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Paul Smit, Kasey Lyons
- Current Deacons: Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, Curt Bakker, Jason Steinmeyer
- Our Children’s Ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

**Iowa Presbytery:** - One Ancient Hope (Iowa City) – Rev. Will Bankston

### **Medical Prayer Request**

**Carolyn Stahl** – Healing from having a heart stent & heart issues.

**Pastor David Hutchinson, Father** – Recovering from a heart attack.

**Mike Dieken** – Healing from having knee replacements.

**Dennis Henningsen** – Healing from colon surgery.

**Jill Steinmeyer** – Healing from surgery.

**Barbara Reiter** – Healing from a car accident.

**Laurie Kessler** – Receiving radiation treatments for cancer.

**Shelby Luwe** – Receiving strong Chemo treatments for cancer.

**Brian Schissel** – Receiving treatments for a brain tumor.

**Sheryl Johnson** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Pray also for** - Our armed forces (Jacob Eilers). Also, those who are anxious, discouraged, facing difficult family situations, struggling with sin, or do not know Christ.

### **Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:**

Mary Bakker; Margie Kuhlman, Shirley Luwe, Orene Eberline, Joyce Dreesman.

Sermon Outline  
“Good News!”

1. The Angel Is Announcing *Good News*

a. A Savior

b. The Christ

c. The LORD

2. The Good News the Angel Was Announcing  
Would Trigger a Great Joy

3. The Good News the Angel Was Announcing  
Would Trigger A Great Joy For All Classes And  
Ethnic Groups

a. All Classes

b. All Ethnic Groups

Therefore, I will

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever.  
Amen

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

\*Universal

