

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could worship with us today.

Our Nursery is open. Please have your child (3 years and younger) in the nursery by 9:25 am for worship.

The **pastoral search committee** asks for your continued prayers as our opening has been posted to organizations recommended by McGowan Search. Please pray that the man God is preparing for us senses the guidance of the Holy Spirit to respond to our need.

During this transition period, when the pastor search committee is conducting its work, **Pastor Bill Massey** feels greatly privileged to be serving Colfax Center as its interim minister.

If you are not already part of an Adult Sunday School class, **join Pastor Bill for a new class, "The Prodigal God."** During this six-week class, **we'll watch a brief DVD session and then examine "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" in Luke's gospel.** We will gain helpful insights from each of the characters in Jesus' parable: the irreligious younger son, the moralistic elder son, and the father who lavishes his love on both. **Class starts Today.**

**On Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> a diaper shower** will be held for Andie Ellen Eberline, daughter of Blake and Britny. She wears pampers and is requesting size 3 or larger.

Our **Church cookbook fundraiser** results are we sold 220 copies and generated almost \$1500 profit. It is all going to **Project 52**. Thank you for all who took part in making this a success.

# Colfax Center Church

Presbyterian Church in America

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*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

# The Lord's Day

Second Sunday of the Year

January 12, 2020

*As you enter prepare yourself to worship. Please silence your phone.*

## **For Reflection Before Worship**

-- Luke 9:23-24

*And Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."*

-- Francis Schaeffer

In an age of relativity the practice of truth when it is costly is the only way to cause the world to take seriously our protestations concerning truth.

-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.

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## **Prelude**

Pat Neessen

## **Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

-- John 14:21

*He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.*

**\*Hymns of Praise:** GHF #249, *Just As I Am* (vs. 1)  
GHF #2, *Love Divine*

### **\*Invocation**

### **Responsive Call to Confession of Sin**

-- Psalm 34:4-5, 7, 8

*Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act...Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*

## **Pastoral Prayer of Confession**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

-- Hebrews 10:19-23

*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

**\*Hymns of Devotion:** GHF #223, *Arise, My Soul, Arise!*  
*In Christ Alone*

## **Our Tithes and Offerings:** General Fund

-- Matthew 10:8

*Freely you have received, freely give.*

## **\*Doxology**

## **\*Greet One Another**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Reading of God's Word**

*Philippians 1:27-30*

## **Sermon:** *Gospel Devotion*

Rev. Bill Massey

**\*Response:** GHF #297, *God Will Take Care of You*

## **\*Benediction and Postlude**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## This Week at Colfax

### Sunday, January 12

9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 am Sunday School  
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, January 15

7:00 pm Young People Meet

### Thursday, January 16

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, January 19

9:30 am Morning Worship  
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship/Eberline diaper shower  
11:00 am Sunday School  
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

### Serving Sunday, January 19

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Available  
**Coffee Fellowship:** care team  
**Greeters:** Nathan & Amy Stahl, Jesse & Lori Willis  
**Elevator Attendant:** Paul Smit  
**Nursery Attendant:** Launstein Family  
**SS Nursery Attendant:** Shiela Steinmeyer  
**Camera:** Steve Jones  
**PowerPoint:** Carlie Willis

## COLFAX CENTER PRAISES AND 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:**

- Pastor Bill, Valerie and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church

**Current Elders:** Donn Anderson, Leon Johnson, David Pruin,  
Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes

**Current Deacons:** Mike Dieken, Ken Harken, Chad Pruisner,  
Paul Smit, Chuck Thoren, Red Werkman

- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation

**All of Our Missionaries,** especially those in sensitive countries.

**Those battling cancer:** Karen Arends; Bill Aswegan; Glenn Beckwith,  
Cindy Klaassen, Megan Hook; Kenny Luhring, Kay Schultz, Brad Wos

#### **Medical prayer requests:**

- **Bill Aswegan and Rod Schwab** for encouragement, wisdom and direction.
- **Bob Getting** for comfort and healing from his fall
- **Kate Sandy** for comfort and healing from surgery
- **Kim Venenga** for a donor to be found for Kidney transplant
- **Richard Lamfers** for comfort and healing from surgery

**Pray also for those** on active duty in our armed forces; anxious, or discouraged; facing difficult situations in their families; struggling with sin in their lives or do not know Christ.

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

Pauline Arends; Mary Bakker; Phyllis DeNeui; Eldon & Elna Dieken;  
Deloris Eilers, Grace Ennenga; Norma Hook; Anna Mae Klaassen; Verone  
Nederhoff; Darris Smit; Dixie Spain

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