

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.

Please continue to pray for the **pastoral search committee**. Thank you for your prayers as we wrap up the laying of the groundwork in order to be able to receive applications and nominations to begin the search for our next pastor. Please pray that our website will be finalized soon and that we begin receiving applications for consideration. Please also pray for Mc Gowan Search as they gather information and ensure qualifications of all potential candidates.

Do you know of someone who would be interested in **shepherding our congregation**? Submit his name for nomination on the pastor nomination form available in the narthex. Submit completed forms to any member of the pastoral search committee or mail the form to the church office attention: PSC. We will accept nomination forms until January 5, 2020.

During this transition period, when the pastoral 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 January 12.**

We are grateful to have **preaching this morning, Mr. Styles Stadlander.** Styles is training for the gospel ministry at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL and is under the care of the Iowa Presbytery. We are grateful for Styles's love for the Lord and desire to shepherd his flock.

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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

First Sunday of the Year
January 5, 2020

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

For Reflection Before Worship

-- Hebrews 12:22-25

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

-- E. P. Clowney

In worship, even now while here on earth we join the saints and angels in the festival of glory. Because we gather with Jesus there, we are exhorted to gather with him here.

Prelude _____ Carolyn Stahl

Announcements Elder Leon Johnson

***Call to Worship** -- Psalm 103:22

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

***Hymn of Praise:** GHF #35, *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

***Invocation**

Responsive Call to Confession of Sin -- Psalm 32:1 -5, 11

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my

iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

People: Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

-- Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

***Hymns of Assurance:**

GHF #236, *Amazing Grace* (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Speak O Lord

Our Tithes and Offerings: General Fund

-- Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received, freely give.

***Doxology**

***Greet One Another**

Prayers of the People

Elder Dave Pruin

Reading of God's Word

Romans 8:18-30

Sermon: *Present Groaning, Future Glory*

Mr. Styles Stadlander

***Response:** GHF #296, *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

***Benediction and Postlude**

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, January 5

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

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 pm Young People Meet

Thursday, January 9

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 12

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Serving Sunday, January 12

Sanctuary Flowers: Available
Coffee Fellowship: Chad and Kathy Pruisner
Greeters: Karen Kruger, Marlene Aalfs, Jim & Betty Heeren
Elevator Attendant: Mike Dieken
Nursery Attendant: Boomgarden Family
SS Nursery Attendant: Sheryl Johnson
Camera: Steve Jones
PowerPoint: Wes 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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