

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!

Grundy Care Facilities – Colfax will be hosting the Grundy Care Facility Services on Thursday Dec. 22. All are welcome to join as we love and bring the hope of Advent to those who can't attend worship. 11:00a – Grundy Care; 1:00p – Arlington; 1:40p – Creekside. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke

Donation Envelopes Are Due Today – The little brown envelopes for donating to Christmas Sacks and Pastor Luke & his family's Christmas Gift are in the Narthex. Please place them in the offering plate.

Angel Tree Tagged Gifts Are Due Today– Thank you so much for your support. Questions? Contact Sheila Steinmeyer (319-269-1499).

Sunday School Christmas Program: Join us tonight, at 6pm for the Christmas Program led by the Christian Ed. Committee, followed by a reception featuring a light meal and hot chocolate bar hosted by Pastor Luke and Aimee. Questions? Contact Sandy Simms (319-269-1687)

New Custodian – The deacons are hiring a new Church Custodian. Any questions or interest please contact Jesse Willis (319-415-8642).

Poinsettias in December - Let's fill the church with poinsettias in memory of our loved ones. You can bring them to the lobby of the Educational Wing. Please attach your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared, under the plant.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Come celebrate on Christmas Eve. Saturday Dec. 24. 4pm – Open House with Hot Chocolate and cookies, 5pm – Service ending in candlelit singing of Silent Night. Those who would like to help lead the service with music or scripture reading, please contact Pastor Luke. (763-670-7337; pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org)

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Thou Long Expected Jesus



December 18, 2022 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reflection Before Worship

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Prelude Announcements

Advent Wreath

The Lyons Family

*Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!...Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Praise

GHF 93 – Hark the Herald
(v. 1-3)

Call to Confession

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Song of Celebration

GHF 84 – Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

*Doxology

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism # 53

Q. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

*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 2:8-20

Sermon

“The Least Likely Witnesses”

Pastor Luke

*Song of Response

GHF 89 – Angels We Have Heard on High
(v.1-3)

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week Colfax

Sunday, December 18

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – Colfax Fellowship
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages
6:00p – S.S. Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 21

6:15p – "Chaos"
7:15p – "Friends First"

Saturday, December 24

5:00p – Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"
9:30a – Morning Worship
10:30a – No Coffee Fellowship
11:00a – No Sunday School for All Ages

Call the church, 319-824-5231, or email 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.

Serving Sunday, December 25

Coffee Chat: Dean & Kristie S.
Coffee Fellowship: No
Greeters: Thorens: Johnsons
Nursery during Worship: Jim & Maggie B.
Nurse during Sunday School: No
Elevator Attendant: Bryce Eberline
PowerPoint: Caleb Wolfe
Camera: Steve Jones
Sound: Larry Freed

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:

- Pastor Luke, Aimee, and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church
- Current Elders: Al Harberts, Leon Johnson, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline
- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Iowa Presbytery:

- Trinity PCA (*Church Plant*) (Cedar Rapids, IA) – Rev. Isaac Ferrell

Medical Prayer Request

Dale Launstein – Recovering from having 2 stents put in.

Larry Dreesman – For receiving treatments for cancer.

Connie Doughan – For receiving treatments for cancer.

Her Address is: 1007 13th Street SE, Orange City, IA 51041

Family of Anna Mae & Cindy Klaassen, who recently passed away.

Pray also for those on active duty in our armed forces, especially **Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, Jacob Eilers** is duty. Also, those who are 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:

Mary Bakker; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Jo Ann Harken; Verone Nederhoff; Dixie Spain; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman

Sermon Outline
“The Least Likely Witnesses”

1. Good Tidings of Great Joy

2. The Problem of Peace

3. The Cost of Peace