

**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!*

**2022 Annual Reports** - Are due in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Thank you!

**Women's Ministry Prayer Group** - Calling all Colfax Ladies! We are beginning a Women's Ministry Prayer group. Please join us February 5, at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor for our first meeting. Frequency will be determined at that time. Please contact Judy Harberts 319-464-2800 (after 3 pm please) with any questions you may have, and we hope to see you there!

**Town Hall – Sunday Feb. 5**, during Sunday school, Pastor Luke and the Session will host a Town-Hall style meeting in the Fellowship Hall to discuss and answer questions about the 2023 General Fund Budget. There will be no Person of Jesus Sunday School class.

**Annual Meeting** – The Annual meeting will take place following the worship service on **Sunday, Feb. 19** where we will approve the 2023 Budget and Elect Church Officers. There will be no Sunday School.

**Officer Nominees:** **Elder:** Larry Stahl, Donn Anderson, Paul Smit  
**Deacon:** Jesse Willis, Curt Bakker, Jim Beninga

**The Meaning of Marriage** – Beginning **Sunday, Feb. 26**, Pastor Luke and Aimee will be leading a Spring Sunday School class on marriage and relationships, following Tim Keller's book, "The Meaning of Marriage". Additional Information and sign-ups are in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Pastor Luke (763-670-7337, [pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto:pastor@colfaxcenterchurch.org)).

# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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January 22, 2023

### Reflection Before Worship

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable...The only place outside of Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.”  
C. S. Lewis

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### Prelude

### Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

### Hymn of Praise

O How Good It Is

### Call to Confession

Psalm 13:1-4

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 13:5-6

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

### \*Song of Celebration

GHF 127 – Hallelujah, What a Savior

### Worship Through Giving

Missions

### \*Doxology

### Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #5-6

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

**A. There is but one only, the living and true God.**

Q. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

**A. There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

### \*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

Psalm 55

### Sermon

“Psalms of Lament – The Freedom of Lament”

Pastor Luke

### \*Song of Response

GHF 318 – I Need Thee Every Hour  
(v. 1-3)

### \*Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## This Week Colfax

### Sunday, January 22

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Colfax Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School for All Ages

### Wednesday, January 25

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

### Thursday, January 26

7:00p – Elders & Deacons Meeting

### Sunday, January 29

9:00a - "Colfax Coffee Chat"  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Colfax Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School for All Ages

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.**

### Serving Sunday, January 29

**Coffee Chat:** Launstein Family  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Chuck & Ruth Thoren  
**Greeters:** Curt Bakker; Jim & Maggie Beninga  
**Nursery Worship:** Aimee W. & Lori W.  
**Nurse during Sunday School:** Amy Launstein  
**Elevator Attendant:** Jesse Willis  
**PowerPoint:** Taylor Launstein  
**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:

- Bethany E & R PCA (Ledyard, IA) – Rev. Colin Andrade

### Medical Prayer Request

**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

**The Family of Dixie Spain** – 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; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey

Sermon Outline  
“Psalms of Lament – The Freedom of Lament”

1. The Pain of Betrayal

**Thank You** - From the Klaassen family,  
We greatly appreciate the support from the church at the time of our mom's passing. She grew up in Colfax, and it's where she was married and raised her family. It seems only appropriate that we celebrated her life at Colfax. Thank you for everything.

Lori & Sandy and Joni

2. Swinging the Pendulum

3. The Freedom of Lament