

**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!*

**Sunday School Kickoff Information** – The Fall Sunday School Kickoff will be today at 11am. It will include a children’s message, open house presentation of classrooms and teachers, and a fellowship meal together. Everyone is welcome!

**Youth Group** – We partner with other churches in the community for our weekly youth group during the schoolyear. **“Friends First”** (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) kicks off **Wed. Aug. 30 at 7pm**, and **“Chaos”** (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) kicks off **Wed. Sept. 6 at 6:15**. Both are hosted at Orchard Hill Church in Grundy Center.

**Fall Sunday School** – Mark your calendars! Fall Sunday School classes will begin September 10. We will have classes for all ages, 4 and up, and nursery available for ages 0-3.



# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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Sunday August 27, 2023

## Reflection Before Service

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...is the entry point to, and the way to continue with, and all we will ever need in, the Christian life. We begin by grace, by being justified by faith in what Christ has done. We continue by grace, not by anything we do. This gospel of grace is why the Galatians need to know, and love, in “your spirit”. It is not a set of abstract truths. It is a way of life, of deeply fulfilling, secure life now, and of eternal life to come.

Tim Keller

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## Prelude

### Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

#### \*Hymn of Praise

GHF 1 – O Worship the King  
(v. 1, 2, 4)

#### Call to Confession

Philippians 3:3-6

For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

#### Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

#### \*Song of Celebration

GHF 127 – Hallelujah, What a Savior

#### Worship Through Giving

Missions

#### \*Doxology

#### \*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #39-41

*Q. 39. What is the duty which God requires of man?*

**A. The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.**

*Q. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

**A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.**

*Q. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?*

**A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.**

#### \*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

Galatians 6:11-18

**Sermon** “Will You Boast in the Flesh or the Cross?” Pastor Luke Wolfe

#### \*Song of Response

GHF 126 – Rock of Ages

#### Benediction and Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, August 27**

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00a – Sunday School Kickoff
- 6:30p - Prayer Group

### **Wednesday, August 30**

- 7:00p – “Friends First”

### **Thursday, August 31**

- 7:00 p – Elder & Deacon’s Meeting

### **Sunday, September 3**

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship

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, September 3**

**Coffee Chat:** Trent & Brittney S  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Mike & Karen D  
**Greeters:** The Morris Family & Patti N  
**Nursery Worship:** Trent & Brittney S  
**Nurse during Sunday School:** No  
**Elevator Attendant:** Jim B  
**PowerPoint:** Carlie W  
**Camera:** Steve J  
**Sound:** Larry F

## CENTER PRAISES & PRAYER CONCERN

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: Leon Johnson, Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes, Tom Simms, Donn Anderson, Paul Smit
- Current Deacons: Brian Boomgarden, Jesse Willis, Coty Albers, Shawn Albers, Blake Eberline, Bryce Eberline, Jim Beninga, & Curt Bakker
- Our Children’s ministries
- The hearts of our congregation
- Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

**Iowa Presbytery:** - Hospers Pres. (Hospers, IA) – Rev. Brian Janssen

### **Medical Prayer Request**

**Eldon Kruger** – Recovering from surgery and cancer diagnosis at Parkview.

**Dorothy Westerman** – at Arlington Place recovering from surgery.

**Karen Kruger** – For healing following a bowel perforation.

**Larry Dreesman** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Connie Doughan** – Recovering from Bone Marrow Transplant.

**Marcia Andersen** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

**Pray also for** - Our armed forces (Cassidy Bronchick, Mary Pruisner, and 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; Bernard & Ethel Buskohl; Phyllis DeNeui; Marvin & Verone Nederhoff; Minetta Tjepkes; Dorothy Westerman; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey, JoAnn Junker.

Sermon Outline  
‘Will You Boast in the Flesh or the Cross’

1. Boasting in the flesh

2. Boasting in the Cross