

**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!*

**Mission Feast** – Mark your calendars! October 29, we will have our annual Mission Feast. This is our opportunity to hear updates and teaching from some of our supported missionaries and raise funds for all our Missions giving. See the insert for more information.

**Mission Feast Speakers** – Light House Projects from the Dominican Republic/Project 52 will be speaking to the Adult/Teenager Class in the Sanctuary at 9:30-10:15 am. And Dale Hollenbeck, the Director of the Mid-America Hub of Mission to the World (World Missions branch of the PCA) will be speaking during the worship service at 10:30.

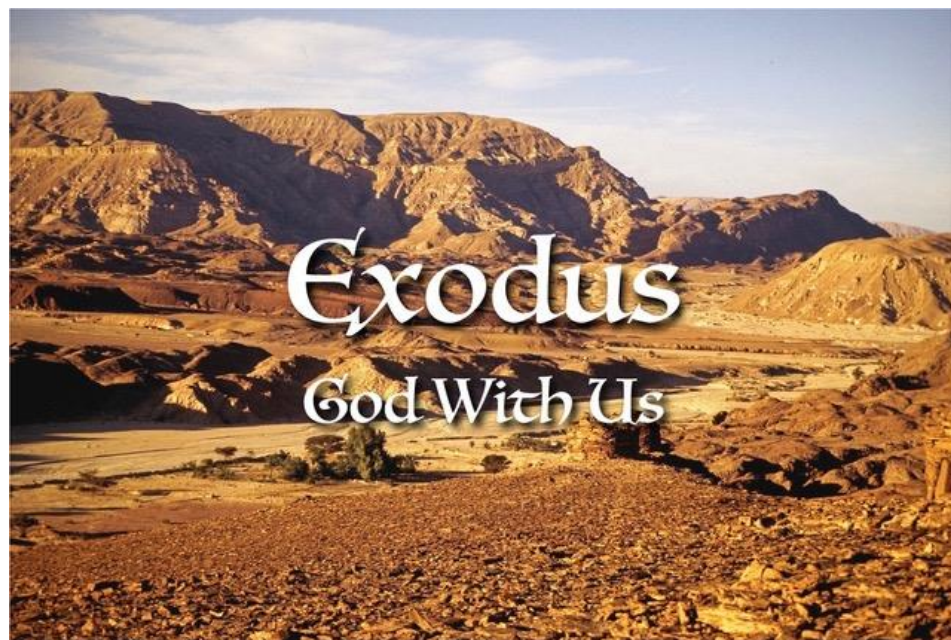
**Volunteer Opportunities** – We are looking for volunteers to help serve in the Nursery (during Worship and/or Sunday School), Coffee Fellowship, Coffee Chat, and Power Point. If you have any interest, please contact Patti Norris, ([secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org](mailto:secretary@colfaxcenterchurch.org)).



# Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday October 22, 2023**

**Reflection Before Service**

“The greatest barrier I have met [to evangelism] is the almost total absence from the minds of my audience of any sense of sin... The ancient man approached God (or even the gods) as the accused person approaches his judge. For the modern man the roles are reversed. He is the judge: God is in the dock. He is quite a kindly judge: if God should have a reasonable defense for being the god who permits war, poverty, and disease, he is ready to listen to it. The trial may even end in God's acquittal. But the important thing is that man is on the bench and God in the dock. C. S. Lewis

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**Prelude**  
**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** 2 Samuel 22:47, 50-51  
“The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation, ... “For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to your name. Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.”

**\*Hymn of Praise** GHF 34 – Immortal, Invisible  
(v. 1, 2, 4)

**Call to Confession** Deuteronomy 6:13-16  
It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. “You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession.**

**Assurance of Pardon** John 7:37-39  
On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,

‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**\*Song of Celebration** GHF 40 – Great is Thy Faithfulness  
(v. 1, 3)

**Worship Through Giving** General

**\*Doxology**

**\*Confession of Faith** *Westminster Shorter Catechism #50-52*  
*Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment?*

**A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.**

*Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?*

**A. The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.**

*Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?*

**A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he has to his own worship.**

**\*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** Exodus 17:1-7

**Sermon** “God on Trial” Pastor Luke Wolfe

**\*Song of Response** GHF 118 – When I Survey...

**Benediction and Postlude**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, October 22**

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

### **Tuesday, October 24**

- 9:30a – Women’s Bible Study
- 6:30p – Women’s Bible Study

### **Wednesday, October 25**

- 6:15p – “Chaos”
- 7:00p – “Friends First”

### **Thursday, October 26**

- 7:00p – Elders & Deacons Meeting

### **Sunday, October 29**

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Sunday School All Ages
- 10:30a – Morning Worship
- 11:00a – Sunday School All Ages
- 12:00p – Mission Feast Noon Meal

### **Serving Sunday, October 29**

**Coffee Chat:** No

**Greeters:** Curt B/Jim & Betty H

**Nurse (SS):** Willis Family

**PowerPoint:** Caleb W

**Sound:** Larry F

**Coffee Fellowship:** No

**Nursery Worship:** Aimee W/Lori W

**Elevator Attendant:** Coty A

**Camera:** Steve J

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.**

## 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: 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:** - Redeemer PCA (Des Moines) – Rev. Wayne Larson

### **Medical Prayer Request**

**Eldon Kruger** – Receiving treatments for cancer.

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

**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; Margie Kuhlman; Viola Vasey.

Sermon Outline  
“God on Trial”

1. God on Trial

2. Israel on Trial

3. The Rock of Our Salvation