

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!

Christmas Program – Tonight, at 6 p.m. Colfax Center Kids will be presenting “A Night Like No Other” with a reception and meal to follow hosted by Pastor Luke and Aimee.

Donation Envelopes – The little brown envelopes for donating to Christmas Sacks and Pastor Luke and his family’s Christmas gift are in the Narthex. They are due today, please place them in the offering plate.

Minetta Tjepkes- Please join us to celebrate Minetta’s 90th birthday during coffee fellowship today. Cards & birthday wishes may be sent to: Minetta Tjepkes, 95 D Ave, #101, Grundy Center, IA 50638.

The Angel Tree – “The Angel Tree” supports *Wings of Refuge*, an organization helping victims of sex trafficking. You are invited to take a tag or two from the tree, purchase the item(s), wrap or put in a gift bag and attach the tag. The gifts are due today.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Dec. 24, 5pm, we will have our traditional Christmas Candlelight Service, featuring the singing of Christmas hymns, a message and finishing with a candlelit singing of Silent Night. You won’t want to miss it!

Poinsettias in December – Poinsettias in memory of loved ones may be brought to the lobby of the educational wing. Please write your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it is being shared on the bottom of the plant.

Marvin & Verone Nederhoff’s 65th Wedding Anniversary – Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 6:00-7:30pm at Arlington Place in Grundy Center. RSVP to Karen & Emma by December 11, Call: 319-824-5674.

Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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Sunday December 17, 2023

Reflection Before Service

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us . . . The gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.”
A. W. Tozer

Prelude Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting Reents Family

***Call to Worship** Psalm 146:1-5
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

***Hymn of Praise** GHF 84 – Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Call to Confession Jeremiah 17:5-6
Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

Assurance of Pardon Jeremiah 17:7-8
“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

***Song of Celebration**

GHF 92 – O Little Town
(v. 1, 2, 4)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

***Doxology**

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism #61-62

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God’s allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath day.

***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 Isaiah 10:20-27, 33 – 11:10

Sermon “A Shoot from the Stump” Pastor Luke Wolfe

***Song of Response** GHF 93 – Hark the Herald
(v. 1-3)

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Minetta Tjepkes 90th Birthday
- 11:00a – Sunday School All Ages
- 6:00p – Children’s S.S Christmas Program
And Reception

Tuesday, December 19

- 2:00p – Care Team – Arlington

Wednesday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 24

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00a – No Sunday School All Ages
- 5:00p – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Serving Sunday, December 24

- Coffee Chat:** Shawn & Emily Albers
- Coffee Fellowship:** Fran H & Wava H
- Greeters:** Thoren’s/The Willis Family
- Nursery Worship:** Shawn & Emily A
- Nurse (SS):** No Sunday School
- Elevator Attendant:** Brian Boomgarden
- PowerPoint:** Taylor Launstein
- Camera:** Steve Jones
- Sound:** Larry Freed

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.

COLFAX 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: - Westkirk PCA (Urbandale) – Rev. Michael Mudlaff

Medical Prayer Request

- Wava Hemmen** – Ongoing health troubles
- Eldon Kruger** – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Larry Dreesman** – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Marcia Andersen** – Receiving treatments for cancer.
- Sheryl Johnson** – Pray for her cancer diagnosis & treatment.

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
“A Shoot from the Stump”

1. Our Misplaced Hope

- In Ourselves
- In the World
- In Religion

2. A Shoot from the Stump of Jesse

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