

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 Eve Candlelight Service – Tonight we will have our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Doors open 4:30p with cookies and hot chocolate. Service starts at 5pm featuring the singing of Christmas hymns, the Nativity story, 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 taken home following the Christmas Eve Service.

Pastor Luke Traveling – Pastor Luke and his family will be traveling to see their family this week, returning on Jan. 2. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to your Shepherding Elder or our Administrative Assistant (319-823-0151).

Colfax Center Presbyterian Church

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Sunday December 24, 2023

Reflection Before Service

"Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving kindness, as the flood,
When the Prince of life, our ransom, Shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love cannot remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten, Throughout heaven's eternal days."

William Rees, "Here is Love"

Prelude

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Steinmeyer Family

*Call to Worship (Call & Response) Psalm 118:2-4, 29; Luke 2:14

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn of Praise

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

Call to Confession

Matthew 23:25-28

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:21–24

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

*Song of Celebration

CCP 85 – Go Tell it on the Mountain
(v. 1, 3, 4)

Worship Through Giving

General Fund

*Doxology

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #63-64

Q. 63. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

*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 52:13-53:12

Sermon

"Gazing Upon the Suffering Servant" Pastor Luke Wolfe

*Song of Response

GHF 87 – Joy to the World
(v. 1-4)

Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, December 24

- 9:00a – “Coffee Chat”
- 9:30a – Morning Worship
- 10:30a – Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00a – No Sunday School All Ages
- 4:30p – Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 31

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- 9:30a – Morning Worship
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Serving Sunday, December 31

Coffee Chat: Willis Family

Coffee Fellowship: Curt & Julie T

Greeters: Curt B/Jim & Maggie B

Nursery Worship: Aimee W/ Lori W

Nurse (SS): No Sunday School

Elevator Attendant: Coty Albers

PowerPoint: Carlie Willis

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
“Gazing Upon the Suffering Servant”

1. Averting Our Eyes

2. Our Broken Reflection

3. The Image of God – Our Substitute

Poinsettias Given in Memory of Our Loved Ones



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Austin & Whitney TjepKes

Jan Williams in honor/memory of
Her Mom & Dad:
Ida Marie & Victor Schwarck

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Brittany, Hillary & Families (2) in memory of
Arnold Tjepkes & Jack Samo

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Warren & Leona Anderson

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Their parents

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