

**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!*

**Pastor Luke Traveling** – Pastor Luke and his family are traveling to see their family, they are 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 31, 2023**

**Reflection Before Service**

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:9-13

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**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Daniel 4:3

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

GHF 27 – I Sing the Mighty Power

**Call to Confession**

Luke 3:7-9

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**\*Song of Celebration**

GHF 127 – Hallelujah, What a Savior

**Worship Through Giving**

Maintenance Fund

**\*Doxology**

**\*Confession of Faith**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism #65-66*

*Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?*

**A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongs to everyone in their several places and relations.**

*Q. 66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?*

**A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.**

**\*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**

Matthew 1:1-17

**Sermon**

“Our Heritage, Our Hope”

Elder Dean Salo

**\*Song of Response**

GHF 249 – Just as I Am

(V. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**Benediction and Postlude**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **This Week at Colfax**

### **Sunday, December 31**

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

### **Wednesday, January 3**

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

### **Sunday, January 7**

9:00a – “Coffee Chat”  
9:30a – Morning Worship  
10:30a – Coffee Fellowship  
11:00a – Sunday School All Ages

### **Serving Sunday, January 7**

**Coffee Chat:** Coty & Kamille A  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Elaine S/Lorraine M  
**Greeters:** The Morris Family & Elaine S  
**Nursery Worship:** Coty & Kamille A  
**Nursey (SS):** Coty & Kamille A  
**Elevator Attendant:** Shawn A  
**PowerPoint:** Caleb W  
**Camera:** Steve Jones  
**Sound:** Larry Freed

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.**

## **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 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  
“Our Heritage, Our Hope”

1. Looking Back – The Family Tree

2. Facing Forward – Our Eternal Hope