

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • October 31, 2021

*Welcome! We're glad you're here!*

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

- \* "Majesty"
- \* "Shout to the North"
- \* "Ten Thousand Reasons"

### Our Thanksgiving to God

- \* Hymn #338 - "We Sing the Greatness of Our God"

### Prayer of Oversight

### Tithes and Offerings

- \* Hymn #634, verses 1 & 2 - "O, How I Love Jesus"

### God's Word Today

Lee Eclov

Scripture - Galatians 3:1-14

Message - "Trying Too Hard"

- \* Hymn #87, verses 1 & 3 - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

### \* Benediction

- \* Response - "Praise the Name of Jesus"

*Praise the name of Jesus.*

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*He's my rock; He's my fortress.*

*He's my deliverer; in Him will I trust.*

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\* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.  
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*Welcome, visitors!*

We extend a sincere welcome to our visitors. It's a privilege to have you with us. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the morning offering.

**We welcome Lee Eclov** to our pulpit this morning. Lee grew up attending a country church in South Dakota. He spent 40 years as a pastor in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and in Lincolnshire, Illinois, before retiring in February 2020. Lee is the author of many articles (mostly written for pastors) as well as three books. He has also been an adjunct professor of pastoral counseling at Trinity Evangelical Divinity school. He and his wife, Susan, have been married 48 years and have one son, Andy, who lives in Rockford.

### **Veterans sought**

If you are a veteran and your name was not included in last year's Veteran's Day bulletin insert, please contact Kelli Gunderson by this Friday, November 5th.

### **Ladies' Bible study continues Thursday**

All ladies are invited to a Bible study here at the church Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Meet in the fireplace room to study 1 Corinthians. If you'd like to participate but prefer to join remotely, email Donna Armes at [drames@gmail.com](mailto:drames@gmail.com).

### **November newsletter available**

The church's November newsletter is now available in the narthex. It includes a church calendar and letters from missionaries. Please pick one up at your convenience!

### **Paintball outing rescheduled for November 14th**

Forreston Grove's paintball session at Rock River Christian Camp has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 14th, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided in fellowship hall immediately following the morning worship service. If you'd like to participate, RSVP to Kelli Gunderson for both paintball and lunch. The address of the paintball field is 16679 West IL Hwy 64, Polo.

### **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due November 14th**

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are available in the narthex and are due back here at Forreston Grove by Sunday, November 14th. Suggestions to include in the box are small toys, school supplies, hygiene items and other small gifts. Monetary donations are also encouraged to help offset the cost of postage. Checks should be made payable to "Samaritan's Purse." If you'd like further instructions on how to pack a shoebox, please pick up a brochure from the narthex!

*(announcements continued on back...)*

***Adopt a Friend***

Pick up a name from the table in the narthex, and show your love for that person by sending a card or care package, making a call or visit, or remembering them in prayer. This is a great way to help encourage your fellow Grovers!

***Thank you from Believe in the Children***

Dear Forreston Grove family,

Thank you so very much for allowing me to share the story of Believe in the Children. We look forward to continuing to help children and families and welcome your continued prayers and support! God bless, Patti



# Forreston Grove Church

Presbyterian Church in America

*"To know Christ and  
to make Him known."*

	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
<b>October 31</b>	<i>Lee Eclov</i>	<i>Linda DeVries</i>	<i>Tim &amp; Lynnetta</i>
<b>November 7</b>	<i>Greg Grindinger</i>	<i>Judy Greenfield</i>	<i>Diane &amp; Lauri</i>
<b>November 14</b>	<i>Lee Eclov</i>	<i>Judy Greenfield</i>	<i>Jan &amp; Lynnetta</i>
<b>November 21</b>	<i>Tom Mathisen</i>	<i>Judy Greenfield</i>	<i>Daryl &amp; Erika</i>

Please contact Kelli Gunderson with announcements or other items to be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Kelli can be reached at [forrestongrove@gmail.com](mailto:forrestongrove@gmail.com) or at 815-821-5905.

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## *Prayer Concerns*

### · **Church matters:**

- Pray that Forreton Grove Church would overflow with love for God, one another, and our community.
- Pray that we would live beautiful, worthy lives.
- Pray that we would strive to glorify the Lord in all we do, think, and say.
- Pray that the Session would faithfully lead, shepherd, and defend the flock.
- Pray that the deacons and trustees would diligently look after the physical needs of the church.
- Pray that we would be devoted to prayer and reading God's Word.
- Pray that we would—both individually and as one body—joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ with all who will hear.

### · **Ongoing requests:**

- Pray that God would be preparing a pastor for Forreton Grove.
- Nolan Heimerdinger-Baake (pray for continued weight gain)
- The Shores family - Erin, Kevin, and Josh (pray for healing and improvement)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for continued healing of her arm)
- David Iben (pray for restoration of sight following a detached retina)
- Daryl Moring (pray that radiation treatments were successful)

### · **Our shut-in:** Darold Wubbena (Alden Park Strathmoor, Rockford)

· **Our missionaries:** Bob Allums (A Praying Life ministries); Haddon Anderson (Youth for Christ-Rockford); Jonathan & Amy DeVries (InterAct-Alaska); Anna Gabriel (UIM-New Mexico); Rob & Jenny Ilderton (MTW-England); Charles & Mary Kay (Pioneers-France); Alvin Low (ACTS-Colorado/Asia); Jim & Shelley Savage (Wycliffe-Australia); Cathy Schmidt (CrossWorld-Germany); Chris & Heather (Reformed Theological Seminary); Joel & Stephanie Swanson (MTW-France); Joel & Emily (Middle East); Tom & Karen Virtue (Cru-California); Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher (MTW-South Africa); Tom & Dana Yeakley (Navigators-Colorado)

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