

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • November 21, 2021

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please join us in praise and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "He Has Made Me Glad"
- * "Blessed Be Your Name"
- * "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

- * **Hymn #389** - "Let All Things Now Living"

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings

- * **Hymn #337** - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

God's Word Today

Tom Mathisen

Scripture - 1 Peter 5

Message - "Life Together"

Celebration of Holy Communion (see back of bulletin)

- * **Hymn #528, verses 1 & 2** - "God of Grace & God of Glory"

* Benediction

- * **Response** - Chorus of "There is a Redeemer"

Thank you, Oh my Father

For giving us your son

And leaving your Spirit 'til

The work on earth is done.

* 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 Tom Mathisen to our pulpit this morning. Tom grew up in Freeport and graduated from Cedarville College with a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in Bible. He interned at Forreton Grove, graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in 2012, and later served as a pastor of Evangelical Community Church and as director of operations at the Rockford Rescue Mission. Tom currently serves as executive director of Camp Timberlee in East Troy, Wisconsin. He and his wife, Lori, have two sons, Alec and Hayden.

Thank you to those who contributed to our Operation Christmas Child collection. Forreton Grove collected 37 shoeboxes and \$489 in cash donations. The boxes, along with the good news of the Gospel, will eventually end up in the hands of underprivileged children overseas. Thank you to all who took part!

Thank you from paintball participants

Thank you to the Session and congregation for helping to fund the church's paintball outing last Sunday. Nineteen members and friends participated in this outreach event, and a fun time was had by all!

Help decorate for the Christmas season!

All are invited to meet here at the church next Saturday, November 27th, at 9 a.m., to decorate the church for Advent. A sign-up for poinsettia orders is posted in the narthex. Able bodies will also be needed to help carry decorations down from the attic following this morning's worship service. Contact Diane Duitsman or Kelly Duncan with any questions or to volunteer for a specific task!

Newsletter submissions due

All items to be included in the church's December newsletter should be submitted to Kelli Gunderson by 9 a.m. this Friday, November 26th.

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.

(announcements continued on back...)

Thank you from Rockford Rescue Mission

In this season of gratitude, Rockford Rescue Mission is thankful for your generous partnership and compassion to help the homeless, hurting and hungry in our community. May God bless you this Thanksgiving. Gratefully, Sherry Pitney

Celebration of Holy Communion

Serving of the Bread

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O! precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Serving of the Cup

*O! precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
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November 21

Speakers

Tom Mathisen

Flowers

Judy Greenfield

Nursery

Daryl & Erika

November 28

Bill Moore

congregation

Butch & Tammy

December 5

Bill Moore

congregation

Sam & Hailey

December 12

Bill Moore

congregation

Jason & Kim

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 or at 815-821-5905.

Prayer Concerns

· Church matters:

- Pray that God would be preparing a pastor for Forreton Grove.
- 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:

- Nolan Heimerdinger-Baake (pray for continued weight gain)
- The Shores family - Erin, Kevin, and Josh (pray for healing and improvement)
- David Iben (pray for restoration of sight following a detached retina)

· 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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