

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • December 5, 2021

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

\* "Joy to the World"

\* "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

\* "We Bow Down"

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

### Our Adoration of God

\* Hymn #197, verses 1 & 3 - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

### Prayer of Oversight

### Tithes and Offerings

\* Hymn #180, verses 1 & 3 - "What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest?"

## God's Word Today

**Bill Moore**

**Scripture** - Ezekiel 34

**Message** - "Christmas Through the Eyes of Ezekiel:  
A Shepherd King"

\* Hymn #601 - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

### \* Benediction

\* **Response** - Chorus of "O Come, All Y Faithful"

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

\* 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 Bill Moore** to our pulpit this morning. Bill was raised in Rockford, Illinois and is a graduate of Rockford University. He continued his education receiving a law degree from Creighton University and then practiced law in Rockford for 14 years. Sensing a call from God to enter into ministry, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and went on to pastor three different churches. He recently resigned from the senior pastor position at Long Grove Community Church in Long Grove, Illinois after 11 years. He is ordained by the Evangelical Free Church of America and is married to JoAnn. They have four daughters and are now the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

### **Sign up for poinsettias**

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one this Christmas season, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Plants are \$13 each, and payment should be made to Diane Duitsman.

### **Christmas eve service planned**

Forreston Grove's Christmas eve service will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 24th.

### **Offering envelopes**

If you would like offering envelopes for weekly giving and did not receive them last year, contact Kelli Gunderson. If you received them last year, they will be ordered for you again this year!

### **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 [darmes@gmail.com](mailto:darmes@gmail.com).

### **Newsletter available**

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

*(announcements continued on back...)*

***Devotionals available***

“Our Daily Bread” devotionals for December, January and February are now available in the rotating rack in the narthex. Please pick up a copy at your convenience!

***Card shower for Alvin Kemper***

Former Forreston resident Alvin Kemper is celebrating his 100th birthday with a card shower. Alvin is currently a resident at Lena Living Center and can be reached at: Alvin Kemper, c/o Lena Living Center, 1010 S. Logan St., Lena, IL 61048.



# Forreston Grove Church

Presbyterian Church in America

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

***December 5***  
***December 12***  
***December 19***  
***December 26***

***Speakers***  
*Bill Moore*  
*Bill Moore*  
*Bill Moore*  
*Bill Moore*

***Flowers***  
*congregation*  
*congregation*  
*congregation*  
*congregation*

***Nursery***  
*Sam & Hailey*  
*Jason & Kim*  
*Linda & grandkid*  
*Tim & Lynnetta*

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 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)

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