

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • December 26, 2021

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

- \* "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
- \* "Joy to the World"
- \* "We Will Glorify"

### Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

- \* **Hymn #195** - "Silent Night, Holy Night"

### Prayer of Oversight

### Tithes and Offerings

- \* **Hymn #178, verses 1 & 4** - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

### God's Word Today — Bill Moore

Scripture - Philippians 2:5-11

Message - "Christmas Through the Eyes of Paul: An Exaltation"

### Celebration of Holy Communion

**Partaking of the Bread** — *Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;*

*Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.*

**Partaking of the Cup** — *Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;*

*Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.*

- \* **Hymn #345, verses 1-3** - "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

### \* Benediction

- \* **Response** - "He is Lord" (Hymn #234)

*He is Lord, He is Lord.*

*He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.*

*Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess*

*That Jesus Christ is 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.

**Our condolences to Pam & Steve Greenfield and family** at the passing of Pam's mom, Norma Bawinkel. Norma passed away Thursday at the age of 96. Her visitation and funeral will take place Monday at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home in Freeport.

### **Operation Christmas Child boxes delivered**

Our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have been delivered, to Malawi and to a "hard-to-reach area," which is often a region that's difficult to access due to customs, or cultural or religious reasons. Thank you to all who participated!

### **Sign up for youth retreat today!**

All junior high and high schoolers are invited to a winter retreat at the PCA's Ridgehaven conference center in Walker, Iowa January 14-17. If you're interested in attending, sign the sheet in the narthex today or contact Kelli Gunderson by December 30th. Invite your friends!

### **White Gift offering concludes today**

If you would like to contribute to Forreton Grove's annual White Gift offering, please place your offering in the white box at the back of the sanctuary this morning. The White Gift offering began in 1953 and continues as a tradition of Forreton Grove. In the past, gifts of food and toys were wrapped in white and brought to the Christmas program and designated to be given to those in need within our community. Today, financial gifts are given as "white gifts," and designated to local citizens in need, or to various missionaries and ministries throughout the world. Checks should be made payable to Forreton Grove Church, and designated to "White Gift" or the missionary or ministry of your choice.

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***Poinsettia pickup today***

Thank you to all those who purchased a poinsettia to decorate our church sanctuary this Christmas season. You may pick up your plant today, using the bags at the front of the sanctuary.

***January newsletter available***

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

***Ladies' Bible study to resume January 20th***

The Thursday morning ladies' Bible study will resume meeting on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the fireplace room, beginning January 20th. The focus this session will be chapters 9 through 16 of 1 Corinthians.

***Congregational meeting set for January 23rd***

Forreston Grove's annual congregational meeting will take place Sunday, January 23rd, immediately following the morning worship service. At this time, the following slate of candidates will be voted upon by the congregation: Elders - Brian Duncan & Rob Gunderson; Deacon - Marshall Fink; Trustees - Brittan DeVries & Carl Sundquist. The congregation will also vote on a proposal to suspend a bylaw to allow these officers to succeed themselves. For more information, contact any elder.



**Forreston Grove Church**  
Presbyterian Church in America

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

|                           | <b><i>Speakers</i></b> | <b><i>Flowers</i></b>  | <b><i>Nursery</i></b>     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><i>December 26</i></b> | <i>Bill Moore</i>      | <i>congregation</i>    | <i>Tim &amp; Lynnetta</i> |
| <b><i>January 2</i></b>   | <i>Lee Eclov</i>       | <i>Nancy Parkinson</i> | <i>Rob &amp; Kelli</i>    |
| <b><i>January 9</i></b>   | <i>Chris Gearhart</i>  | <i>Nancy Parkinson</i> | <i>Tim &amp; Lynnetta</i> |
| <b><i>January 16</i></b>  | <i>Rick Anderson</i>   | <i>Nancy Parkinson</i> | <i>Diane &amp; Lauri</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 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.

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### · Ongoing concerns:

- 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)

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