

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • January 2, 2022

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please join us in praise and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"
- * "Blessed Be Your Name"
- * "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Our Adoration of God

- * **Hymn #323** - "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings

- * **Hymn #319, verses 1 & 3** - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

God's Word Today — Lee Eclov

Scripture - Psalm 90

Message - "To Number Our Days"

- * **Hymn #370, verses 1-4** - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

* Benediction

- * **Response** - "Find Us Faithful"

O may all who come behind us find us faithful;

May the fire of our devotion light their way.

May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe

And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

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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.

White Gift offering total announced

Forreston Grove's 2021 White Gift offering totaled \$122,029.⁰⁰. Thank you to all who contributed for your generosity!

Help sought for decoration cleanup

This Tuesday, January 4th, at 9 a.m., we will be taking down the church decorations. All willing workers would be appreciated to help with this task of removing decorations and carefully storing them for future use.

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.

Treasurers' statements due next Sunday

All treasurers should place their end-of-year information (in duplicate) in the church parlor by next Sunday, January 9th. The auditing committee asks that all treasurers include their name and phone number with the statements in case there are questions.

All other annual meeting information due next Thursday

All other items to be included in the church's 2022 annual meeting booklet should be submitted to Kelli Gunderson by 9 a.m., Thursday, January 13th. This includes all budgets, officer reports, and committee reports.

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
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Special guest next Sunday

Emily Giasson, director at Freeport Pregnancy Center, will be here next Sunday, January 9th, to speak during the Sunday School hour. Please join us in welcoming her!

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.

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!



Forreston Grove Church

Presbyterian Church in America

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

	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>January 2</i>	<i>Lee Eclov</i>	<i>Nancy Parkinson</i>	<i>Rob & Kelli</i>
<i>January 9</i>	<i>Chris Gearhart</i>	<i>Nancy Parkinson</i>	<i>Tim & Lynnetta</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Rick Anderson</i>	<i>Nancy Parkinson</i>	<i>Diane & Lauri</i>
<i>January 22</i>	<i>Chris Gearhart</i>	<i>Nancy Parkinson</i>	<i>Lynnetta & Hailey</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 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 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)

· **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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