

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • December 4, 2022

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please join us in praise and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

* "Silent Night"

* "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

* "You Are Holy"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Mission Report - Freeport Area Church Cooperative, Amy Korte

Our Confession of Sin

Music Video - "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" by The Petersens

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "More Precious than Silver"

Lord, You are more precious than silver.

Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares with You.

* **Hymn #184** - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield

Luke 1:2-20

"Peace"

* **Hymn #197** - "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

* Benediction

* **Response** - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

* 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 Lyle Greenfield to the pulpit this morning. Lyle grew up attending Forreton Grove and earned a lay degree from Moody Bible Institute. He's currently a feed salesman for Eastland Feed & Grain, and resides in Rockford.

We welcome Amy Korte from Freeport Area Church Cooperative to our worship service this morning.

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 \$10 each, and payment should be made to Linda DeVries.

Offering envelopes available

If you would like offering envelopes for weekly giving, please pick up a box from the narthex. The boxes are not designated this year, so pick a box, any box!

White Gift offering begins December 18th

If you would like to contribute to Forreton Grove's annual White Gift offering, you may do so beginning Sunday morning, December 18th; during the Christmas eve service; or during the morning worship on Sunday, December 25th. 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.

Christmas eve service planned

Forreton Grove's candlelight Christmas eve service will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th. Please use the invitations on the table in the narthex to invite your friends and neighbors!

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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!

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!

Volunteers sought at Operation Christmas Child processing center

Operation Christmas Child is in urgent need of more volunteers at its processing center in Aurora, Illinois through December 17th. As a volunteer, you'll be inspecting gifts, adding filler items where needed, scanning labels, organizing boxes by age and gender into designated cartons, and more. To sign up, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child, and click on "Volunteer at a processing center."



Forreston Grove Church
Presbyterian Church in America

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

| | <i>Speakers</i> | <i>Flowers</i> | <i>Nursery</i> |
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| <i>December 4</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Women's Fellowship</i> | <i>Linda & grandkid</i> |
| <i>December 11</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Women's Fellowship</i> | <i>Tim & Lynnetta</i> |
| <i>December 18</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Women's Fellowship</i> | <i>Rob & Kelli</i> |
| <i>December 25</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Women's Fellowship</i> | <i>Diane & 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 or at 815-821-5905.

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Prayer Concerns

· **Church matters:**

- Pray that God would be preparing a pastor for Forreston Grove.
- Pray that Forreston 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 & 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.

· **New concerns:**

- Tammy DeVries is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday. Pray for a successful surgery and recovery for her.
- Rich Johnson's skin graft surgery on his leg went well. Pray that the graft will do its job of healing, and for relief of swelling and inflammation.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Malachi (pray for continued improvement in liver function)
- Megan Runyon (pray for continued healing, as well as guidance for her care team as they make decisions on continued treatment)
- Deverick Sander (pray for relief of dizziness and ringing in his ears)
- Masyn Coleman (pray for pain relief & healing of a rare stomach condition)
- David Iben (praise God that his throat & eye are improving)
- Matt Davis (pray for continued healing & health)
- Nolan Heimerdinger-Baake (pray that the G-tube would no longer be necessary)

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