

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • January 22, 2023

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please join us in praise and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "Here I Am to Worship"
- * "Before the Throne of God Above"
- * "Lord, Be Glorified"

Our Adoration of God

- * **Hymn #456, vs. 1 & 2** - "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "God is So Good"

God is so good; God is so good.

God is so good; He's so good to me.

- * **Hymn #325** - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield

Matthew 22:37-40

"The Greatest Commandments"

- * **Hymn #458** - "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

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

Annual meeting is next Sunday

Forreston Grove's annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service next Sunday, January 29th. Please plan to attend!

February's adult Sunday School will focus on membership

Adult Sunday School during the month of February will review the book "Confessing Christ," by Calvin Knox Cummings. This will serve as a study for those who may be interested in becoming a member of Forreston Grove. Current members are also encouraged to attend. After the study is complete, anyone interested in membership should speak with an elder. Copies of the book are available, but not required. Questions? Contact Brian Duncan.

Make & Take card event is February 4th

Mark your calendars to attend a "Card Make & Take" event on Saturday, February 4th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Forreston Grove! You can come any time and make 4 cards (as simple or complex as you'd like, with materials provided). You'll donate two cards — one for a missionary and one for a Rockford Rescue Mission resident — and take two cards home for your own use. Moms, bring your kids along, as there will be a table for them to join in on the fun too. Women's Fellowship will have some simple refreshments for all to enjoy as well!

Help fill goodie bags for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming up, and Women's Fellowship has some special people in our congregation we want to be sure to wrap our arms of love around. Won't you join us as we fill bags for them? There will be 12 bags total, found in the church library. You can pick up a name list from the table as to who the bags will be distributed to on February 12th.

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
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Collect change for the Freeport Pregnancy Center

Lifeline Coalition (formerly the Freeport Pregnancy Center) is seeking to serve those in our community facing unplanned or crisis pregnancies and to help them choose life. If you'd like to help, pick up a baby bottle from the narthex, fill it with cash or checks, and bring it back here by Sunday, February 19th. This "Change for Life" fundraiser is hugely important to the work of the Center!

Volunteers sought to help cook, serve City Life meal

Forreston Grove has committed to providing a meal for the youth of CityLife in Rockford on the evening of Thursday, February 2nd. CityLife is a program of Haddon Anderson's Youth for Christ ministry. If you're willing to cook a portion of the meal, contact Kelli Gunderson. Those willing to help serve the meal or make a monetary donation, contact Tim Greenfield.

Pioneer Club has resumed

Pioneer Club has resumed for the winter session. If you're able to help on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m., contact Anita DeVries!

Sign up to provide snacks for the Sunday School hour

A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen for those willing to provide snacks during the Sunday School hour in 2023. Approximately 4 dozen snacks are consumed each week by our hungry Sunday School kids and adults! Please sign up to help if you're able.



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 22</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Diane Duitsman</i>	<i>Sam & Hailey</i>
<i>January 29</i>	<i>Bill Moore</i>	<i>Diane Duitsman</i>	<i>Jason & Kim</i>
<i>February 5</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Kelli Gunderson</i>	<i>Linda & grandkid</i>
<i>February 12</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Kelli Gunderson</i>	<i>Tim & Lynnetta</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 concern:**

- Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, when we celebrate God's gift of life, remember the lives lost to abortion, and commit to protecting human life at every stage.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Rich Johnson (pray for continued healing to his leg)
- Masyn Coleman (pray for continued progress and weight gain)
- Deverick Sander (pray for continued healing and perseverance)
- Megan Runyon (pray for continued healing and ongoing treatment)
- Matt Davis (pray for continued healing and health)
- Nolan Heimerdinger-Baake (pray that the G-tube would no longer be necessary)

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