

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • August 27, 2023

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

\* "All Creatures of Our God and King"

\* "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

\* "Knowing You"

### Our Adoration of God

\* **Hymn #66** - "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

### Prayer of Oversight

**Tithes and Offerings** - "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.*

\* **Hymn #118, vs. 1 & 2** - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### God's Word Today - Rick Anderson

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 - "The Vanity of Life Apart from God"

\* **Hymn #92, vs. 1-3** - "The Solid Rock"

### \* 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.*

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful.*

*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 Rick Anderson** to the pulpit this morning. Rick is an optometrist who holds a master of arts degree in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Ann, reside in Rockford and have two grown children and several grandchildren.

**Congratulations to Marshall Fink and Paige Behrens**, who were united in marriage yesterday here at Forreton Grove. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

### **Outdoor worship next Sunday**

The final outdoor worship service for the season at Forreton Grove will be held Sunday, September 3rd. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. behind the manse. There will be no Sunday School that Sunday. Bring your own lawn chair!

### **Breakfast to be served September 10th**

The Forreton Grove Elder board will cook and serve breakfast for the congregation on Sunday morning, September 10th. Come for a scrumptious breakfast between 8:45 and 9:45 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and our usual 10:30 a.m. worship service. There will be no Sunday School that morning.

### **Pioneer Club to begin September 13th**

The Fall session of Pioneer Club is set to begin here at Forreton Grove on September 13th! Children kindergarten through 8th grade will be welcomed here from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday through November 1st. If you're able to volunteer, please contact Sandy Williams!

### **Movie night set for September 17th**

Mark your calendars for movie night at the Lamms' barn on Sunday, September 17th. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a movie at 6:00. Hot dogs will be served!

\* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.  
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***Payment due for "Church Basement Ladies"***

If you signed up to attend the play "Church Basement Ladies" at Timber Lake Playhouse, your ticket has been purchased and we're looking forward to a fun afternoon out! The cost per ticket is \$27. Please pay Diane Duitsman or Linda DeVries.

***Daily devotionals available***

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for September, October & November are now available in the rotating rack in the narthex. Please pick one up at your convenience!

***Thank you from the family of Rich Johnson***

Dear church family — Thank you for the lovely candle arrangement. The verse on it is so special. Women's Fellowship did an outstanding job on the lunch. There were many remarks on how delicious it was. Thank you again, Diane

***Thank you from YoungLife***

Forreston Grove Church — I wanted to thank you for your support of YoungLife both through funds and also through snacks. This summer, we took two camp trips. We had 14 students go to YoungLife camp (high school) and took 11 students to our first ever Wyldlife camp (junior high). A number of students took steps in their faith and some accepted Jesus for the first time. Five of them were baptized last week! Thank you for helping to make that possible! - Rich Groezinger

***For congregational needs, contact...***

Lee Eclov 847-302-6853 Elders: Lyle Greenfield 815-266-4143, Butch DeVries, Brian Duncan, Tim Greenfield, Rob Gunderson, Matt Williams

	<b><i>Speakers</i></b>	<b><i>Flowers</i></b>	<b><i>Nursery</i></b>
<b><i>August 27</i></b>	<i>Rick Anderson</i>	<i>Renee Fink</i>	<i>Jason &amp; Kim</i>
<b><i>September 3</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>~outdoor service~</i>	<i>~outdoor service~</i>
<b><i>September 10</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Lauri Plambeck</i>	<i>Linda &amp; grandkid</i>
<b><i>September 17</i></b>	<i>Lee Eclov</i>	<i>Lauri Plambeck</i>	<i>Tim &amp; 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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*"To know Christ and  
to make Him known."*

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## *Prayer Concerns*

### · Church matters:

- 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 & trustees would diligently care for 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:

- Gary Greenfield (effects of ALS)
- Tom & Lucy Gauthier (heart health, and for their son, Billy (lymphoma))
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and healing)
- 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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