

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • September 17, 2023

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

- \* "Mighty Is Our God"
- \* "That's Why We Praise Him"
- \* "Ten Thousand Reasons"

### Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

- \* **Hymn #486, vs. 1 & 2** - "Open My Eyes That I May See"

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

### God's Word Today - Lee Eclov

John 14:12-31 - "Greater Things Than Jesus?!"

- \* **Hymn #21, vs. 1 & 2** - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### \* Benediction

- \* **Response** - "There is a Redeemer"

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son*

*Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One*

*Thank you, Oh my Father*

*For giving us your son*

*And leaving your Spirit 'til*

*The work on earth is done.*

\* 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 Lee Eclov*** to the 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 four books. He has also been an adjunct professor of pastoral counseling at Trinity Evangelical Divinity school. He and his wife, Susan, have been married 50 years and have one son, Andy, who lives in Rockford.

***Our deepest sympathies to the family of Ed Holaday.*** Ed passed away Saturday, September 9th at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon. His visitation and funeral were held here at Forreston Grove yesterday. Our condolences to Doris, Ethan, Gracie, and the rest of the family!

### ***Movie night is tonight!***

"Swiss Family Robinson" will be the featured film for movie night at the Lamm family's barn next Sunday, September 17th. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 6:00. Bring your own lawn chairs! Hot dogs will be served! The Lamms' address is 12830 N. Bluff Rd., Baileyville.

### ***Pioneer Club continues this week***

The Fall session of Pioneer Club kicked off this past Wednesday with 60 kids in attendance. Praise the Lord for the great turnout, and for the fantastic volunteers who so willingly gave of their time! Pioneer Club will continue each Wednesday night through November 1.

### ***Officer nominations sought***

The Session of Forreston Grove Church will accept nominations for the offices of elder, deacon, and trustee throughout the month of September. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to serve Forreston Grove Church in these important leadership roles, which begin in January. Nomination forms are available in the narthex. Once complete, please return them to the box in the narthex.

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***New Sunday School directories available***

The new Sunday School year began today. If you'd like a copy of Forreston Grove's 2023-2024 Sunday School directory, please pick up a copy in the narthex.

***College student addresses available***

Women's Fellowship has updated the addresses for college-age youth of Forreston Grove. If you would like to drop them an encouraging note, pick up a copy of the addresses from the bulletin board in the narthex, or the bulletin board downstairs next to the kitchen!



# Forreston Grove Church

Presbyterian Church in America

***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>September 17</i></b>	Lee Eclov	Lauri Plambeck	Tim & Lynnetta
<b><i>September 24</i></b>	Lyle Greenfield	Lauri Plambeck	Rob & Kelli
<b><i>October 1</i></b>	Lyle Greenfield	Tammy DeVries	Diane & Lauri
<b><i>October 8</i></b>	Lyle Greenfield	Tammy DeVries	Sara & Lynnetta

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.

*"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.

### · **New concerns:**

- Janell Lehne has had some recent health issues that have left her weak. Pray for strength and healing for her.

### · **Ongoing concerns:**

- Jim Parkinson (treatment and healing from an infection in his arm)
- Lyle Greenfield (treatment for prostate cancer)
- 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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