

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • November 12, 2023

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please join us in praise and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "He Has Made Me Glad"
- * "The Joy of the Lord"
- * "Amazing Grace"

Our Thanksgiving to God

Ministry of Music - Forreston Grove Church Praise Team

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn #392, vs. 1 & 4 - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

God's Word Today - Lee Eclov

Jude 24-25 — "The Great Presentation"

Celebration of Holy Communion (see insert)

* Hymn #338 - "We Sing the Greatness of Our God"

* Benediction

* **Response** - "Now Unto the King Eternal"

Now unto the king eternal, immortal, invisible,

The only wise God,

Be glory and honor forever and ever, amen, amen.

Be glory and honor forever and ever, amen.

Welcome, visitors!

We extend a sincere welcome to our visitors. 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.

Sign up for memorial poinsettias

The signup sheet for poinsettias can be found on the narthex bulletin board. The estimated cost is \$15. Please sign up soon so the plants can be here for December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent.

Able bodies needed after this morning's service

Today after the service, we would appreciate those able to help carry the Christmas trees down from the attic. See you in the attic!

Hanging of the greens is Saturday

This Saturday, November 25th, starting at 9 a.m., we will decorate the church for Christmas. All are invited to attend as there are lots of jobs for all types of skills and talents! Let us join our hands together as we glorify the Lord with our work.

Thank you to those who contributed to our Operation Christmas Child mission project. Forreston Grove collected 104 shoeboxes and \$630 in donations. The boxes were delivered to the regional collection site this week, and will eventually end up, along with the good news of the Gospel, in the hands of underprivileged children overseas. Thank you to all who took part!

Daily devotionals available

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for December, January, and February are now available in the rotating rack in the narthex. Please pick one up at your convenience!

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
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Thank you from Anita DeVries

Thank you to my church family for all your prayers, calls, and concerns for my recent surgery. Special thanks to Diane and the Women's Fellowship for the gift basket. Also to Pastor Lyle for all your calls, visits, and prayers. My surgery was successful and my vision is improving! The One who made us knows how to mend us - gently, wisely, patiently. — Anita

Grover's needed for 2024 Broken Arrow mission team!

Broken Arrow Bible Ranch would love for Forreton Grove to provide a full team for them this summer, July 8-12, so we're in need of more Grover's to join the team! If you've ever considered a mission trip, this is a great one that's relatively close to home... and you can serve with your Grover family! If you're on the fence or have questions, contact Emily or Kelli!

Thank you from Child Evangelism Fellowship

Dear friends, Thank you for your partnership this summer, your gift, and your prayers. 'Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! — Psalm 118:1' Sincerely, The Child Evangelism Fellowship staff

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

	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>Nov 19</i>	<i>Lee Eclov</i>	<i>Linda DeVries</i>	<i>Tim & Lynnetta</i>
<i>Nov 26</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Rob & Kelli</i>
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Diane & Lauri</i>
<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Sara & 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.

Prayer Concerns

· **Church matters:**

- Pray that Forreton Grove 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 God in all we do, think, & say.
- Pray that the Session would faithfully lead, shepherd, & 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:**

- Butch DeVries had shoulder surgery this past week. Pray for pain relief and healing for him.
- Thelma Meeks is at Manor Court for physical therapy following her fall. Pray for pain relief in her legs and back, and for healing for her.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Anita DeVries (healing and restoration of sight)
- Janell Lehne (strength and healing)
- Jim Parkinson (full restoration of the use of his arm)
- Gary Greenfield (effects of ALS)
- Tom & Lucy Gauthier (heart health)
- John & Shirley Iben (provision, strength, and healing)
- Megan Runyon (continued healing and ongoing treatment)
- Matt Davis (continued healing and health)
- Nolan Heimerdinger-Baake (pray that the G-tube would not be needed)

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Celebration of Holy Communion

Serving of the Bread

"Just as I Am" - Hymn #417, verses 1 & 2

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Serving of the Cup

"Just as I Am" - Hymn #417, verses 3 & 4

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
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