

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • January 28, 2024

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

- \* "Come Into His Presence"
- \* "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
  - \* "Cornerstone"
- \* "Lord, Be Glorified"

### Our Adoration of God

- \* **Hymn #1, vs. 1, 2 & 5** - "For the Beauty of the Earth"

### 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 #29** - "Wonderful Words of Life"

**God's Word Today - Rick Anderson**

Exodus 31:1-11 — "A Wonderful Craftsman"

- \* **Hymn #468** - "Be Thou My Vision"

### \* Benediction

- \* **Response** - "Bless His Holy Name"

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

*and all that is within me, Bless His holy Name*

*He has done great things, He has done great things,*

*He has done great things, Bless His holy Name.*

\* 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 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.

### **Annual meeting is today**

Forreston Grove's annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following this morning's worship service. Please pick up a booklet in the narthex and use it as your guide throughout the meeting. Members, please sign at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Pioneer Club to resume this Wednesday**

Pioneer Club will resume at Forreston Grove every Wednesday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. January 31st through March 20th. Contact Sandy Williams if you're willing to help!

### **Sign up for Forreston Grove's Supper Club!**

Here's a great way to get to know some of your fellow Forreston Grovers — join our supper club! Participants will be given a person or family to meet with for a meal at some point in the upcoming months. The meal may be at either person's house or you could meet up at a local restaurant. This will be a fantastic opportunity to get to know those in our church family. Anyone interested can sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For planning purposes, sign up by February 4th. Questions? Contact Emily Williams.

### **Young adult Sunday School to begin February 11th**

Starting Sunday, February 11th, a 6-week Bible study on "The Foundations of Our Faith" will be offered to young adults college age and up, single or married. It will be held in the church library during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., and taught by Lyle Greenfield. Those with young children are welcome to bring them along. This class will be discussion oriented. Bring your Bibles! If you do not have a Bible, one will be provided. Questions? Contact Lyle.

### **Broken Arrow commitment deadline is February 18th**

If you're considering joining the team to serve at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch this summer, contact Kelli Gunderson or Emily Williams with any questions you may have. The deadline to commit to the trip is Sunday, February 18th.

*(announcements continued on back...)*

***Moms' group to begin at Forreston Grove***

Any mother interested in joining a mom's group at Forreston Grove, please contact Emily Williams. We're planning to meet at the church at 6 p.m. the second Sunday of every month for fellowship and to study Paul Tripp's book, "Parenting." There will be a signup sheet in the narthex for those interested in joining.

***Collect change for the Lifeline Coalition***

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 18th. This "Change for Life" fundraiser is hugely important to the work of the Center!

***February newsletter available***

The church's February newsletter is now available in the narthex. It includes a church calendar and letters from missionaries. Please pick one up at your convenience!



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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>January 28</i></b>	Rick Anderson	Nancy Parkinson	Jason & Kim
<b><i>February 4</i></b>	Lyle Greenfield	Kelli Gunderson	Diane & Lauri
<b><i>February 11</i></b>	Lyle Greenfield	Kelli Gunderson	Sara & Lynnetta
<b><i>February 18</i></b>	Lee Eclov	Kelli Gunderson	Daryl & Erika

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.

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

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## *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 concern:

- Pray for strength and improved mobility for Loran Greenfield.

### · Ongoing concerns:

- John & Shirley Iben (pray for healing from shingles for Shirley, and provision, strength, and healing for them both)
- Renee Fink (pray for healing and full recovery from thyroid cancer)
- Elsie Long (pray for healing following hip surgery)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength and healing following falls and rehab)
- Don Davis (pray for a full recovery following heart ablation)
- Karen Anning (pray for relief from chronic pain)
- Gary Greenfield (pray for peace and comfort from ALS)
- Megan Runyon (pray for continued healing and ongoing cancer treatment)

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