

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • November 17, 2024

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"
- * "Ten Thousand Reasons"
- * "You Are My King"

Mission report - Anna Gabriel, Broken Arrow Bible Ranch

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings

God's Word Today - Don Wickstrum "Chasing Hope"

* **Hymn #78** - "My Hope is in the Lord"

* Benediction

* **Response** - "He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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 Don Wickstrum to the pulpit this morning. Since the age of eight, Don dreamed of conquering the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, an annual auto race that takes place on Pikes Peak in Colorado. But for most of Don's life, it seemed like an impossible dream. He ended up in business, building a successful robotics company. But when he was diagnosed with a serious form of colon cancer, Don knew he needed a change. He sold his business and returned to his childhood dream, accomplishing his racing goal in 2022 by qualifying in the top 10 and finally reaching the summit of the mountain. Don's battle with cancer, which he successfully beat in October 2023, came with a lot of challenges, but his faith helped him find purpose. Don now serves as associate pastor of Grace Church in New Glarus, Wisconsin.

We welcome Anna Gabriel to our service this morning. Anna grew up near Grand Detour, Illinois and earned an associate's degree in equine studies at Black Hawk College and a bachelor's degree in animal science from Kansas State University. Anna started to feel a tug towards missions after a college mission trip to Jamaica. In 2009, she spent a summer serving at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch in Vanderwagen, New Mexico, and, by 2015, she had committed to full-time ministry there through United Indian Missions. Since moving to Broken Arrow, Anna completed two years of Bible training at Indian Bible School in Flagstaff, Arizona. She currently serves at Broken Arrow, leading the horse program, managing summer staff, and assisting with many other roles year-round.

Mission Feast meal to follow service

All are welcome and encouraged to stay for the meal following this morning's worship service downstairs in fellowship hall.

Operation Christmas Child boxes due today

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be delivered to the regional collection site this week. Thank you to all who contributed!

Moms' study continues tonight

The moms' group studying Paul Tripp's book, "Parenting," will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the fireplace room. All moms are invited!

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
All music used by permission CCLI #536906.

(announcements continued on back...)

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!

Forreston Reformed to host Thanksgiving service next Sunday

Forreston Reformed Church will host a community Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 24th. All are invited!

Thanksgiving dinner donations sought

New Life Community Center in Forreston is seeking monetary donations to provide 90 turkey meal boxes to local families for Thanksgiving. The boxes are purchased from the Northern Illinois Food Bank at a cost of \$23, and each box supplies a full Thanksgiving meal to a family. Donations can be mailed to New Life Community Center, PO Box 66, Forreston, IL 61030. Any donations received above the amount needed to purchase the meal boxes will be used to purchase food for the pantry.

Grovers invited to serve at Operation Christmas Child processing center

Operation Christmas Child is in need of volunteers at its processing center in Aurora, Illinois. If you'd like to serve with a group of Grovers, you have two options: Wednesday, November 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or Saturday, February 1st from 3 to 6 p.m. Contact Kelli Gunderson for more information and to reserve your spot!

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

Speakers

Flowers

Nursery

Nov 17	<i>Don Wickstrum</i>	<i>Linda DeVries</i>	<i>Daryl & Erika</i>
Nov 24	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Linda DeVries</i>	<i>Butch & Tammy</i>
Dec 1	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Sam & Hailey</i>
Dec 8	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Jason & Kim</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.



Forreston Grove Church

Presbyterian Church in America

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

7246 N. Freeport Road · Forreston, IL 61030
815-938-3605 · forrestongrove@gmail.com
www.forrestongrovechurch.com

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.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Lyle Greenfield (pray for healing and successful treatments)
- Jadee Campbell (pray for healing and improved mobility)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and peace)
- Loran Greenfield (pray for strength and improved mobility)
- Vicki Swalve (pray for healing as she recovers from kidney stone removal)
- Geneva Duitsman (pray for rehabilitation and healing)
- Jon & Katie Lohman (pray for healing after cancer diagnoses)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength and healing)

· **Our featured missionary:** Remember Anna Gabriel at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch as she spends time visiting many of her supporting churches in the coming weeks. Praise the Lord for a busy Fall schedule at Broken Arrow, with several school groups, church retreats, a re-launch of their school-year ministry, and kids showing growth in their faith.

· **Our missionaries:** Bob Allums (A Praying Life ministries); Jonathan & Amy DeVries (InterAct-Alaska); Anna Gabriel (UIM-New Mexico); Rob & Jenny Ilderton (MTW-England); Charles & Mary Kay (Pioneers-France); Alvin Low (ACTS-Colorado/Asia); Chris & Heather Shepherd (Reformed Theological Seminary); Joel & Stephanie Swanson (MTW-France); Sheridan (MTW-Middle East); Joel & Emily (MTW-Middle East); Tom Virtue (Cru-California); Tom & Dana Yeakley (Oaks International-Arizona)

· **Our missions:** Believe in the Children, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Eastland YoungLife, Forreton Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Forreton Vacation Bible School, Gideons International, Lifeline Coalition, New Life Community Center, Pioneer Club, Presbyterian Church in America, Presbytery of Northern Illinois, Radio Bible Class, Rock River Christian Camp, Rockford Rescue Mission, Youth for Christ

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.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Lyle Greenfield (pray for healing and successful treatments)
- Jadee Campbell (pray for healing and improved mobility)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and peace)
- Loran Greenfield (pray for strength and improved mobility)
- Vicki Swalve (pray for healing as she recovers from kidney stone removal)
- Geneva Duitsman (pray for rehabilitation and healing)
- Jon & Katie Lohman (pray for healing after cancer diagnoses)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength and healing)

· **Our featured missionary:** Remember Anna Gabriel at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch as she spends time visiting many of her supporting churches in the coming weeks. Praise the Lord for a busy Fall schedule at Broken Arrow, with several school groups, church retreats, a re-launch of their school-year ministry, and kids showing growth in their faith.

· **Our missionaries:** Bob Allums (A Praying Life ministries); Jonathan & Amy DeVries (InterAct-Alaska); Anna Gabriel (UIM-New Mexico); Rob & Jenny Ilderton (MTW-England); Charles & Mary Kay (Pioneers-France); Alvin Low (ACTS-Colorado/Asia); Chris & Heather Shepherd (Reformed Theological Seminary); Joel & Stephanie Swanson (MTW-France); Sheridan (MTW-Middle East); Joel & Emily (MTW-Middle East); Tom Virtue (Cru-California); Tom & Dana Yeakley (Oaks International-Arizona)

· **Our missions:** Believe in the Children, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Eastland YoungLife, Forreton Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Forreton Vacation Bible School, Gideons International, Lifeline Coalition, New Life Community Center, Pioneer Club, Presbyterian Church in America, Presbytery of Northern Illinois, Radio Bible Class, Rock River Christian Camp, Rockford Rescue Mission, Youth for Christ

Sermon notes

“Chasing Hope”

Sermon notes

“Chasing Hope”