

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • December 1, 2024

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please join us in praise and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

* "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* "Joy to the World"

* "In Christ Alone"

* Chorus of "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Our Adoration of God

Ministry of music - "Only a Boy Named David" by
Stella Folk, Eli Schweertman, Caleb Sundquist,
Tucker Schneiderman, & Kali Schweertman

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "Lord of All Good"

Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to You;

Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.

Tokens of love and pledges they shall be;

That our whole life is offered to Your will.

* **Hymn #168** - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield

1 Peter 1:3, Romans 8:24-25, Hebrews 10:23, Isaiah 40:31

"Hope"

* **Hymn #352** - "Blessed Be The Name"

* Benediction

* **Response** - "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace.

* 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. For those who wish to place an offering, offering plates are available throughout the service at the back of the sanctuary.

Our condolences to the family of Vernon DeVries, who passed away Thursday at the age of 89. Vernon grew up attending Forreston Grove with his parents, Lewis & Helen DeVries, and was the father of David DeVries and grandfather of missionary Jonathan DeVries. Vernon's visitation will be held Tuesday at Bethel Church in Dixon from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Forreston Grove at 2 p.m.

Sign up for memorial poinsettias

The signup sheet for poinsettias can be found on the narthex bulletin board. Please sign up if you'd like to provide a plant for the sanctuary in memory of a loved one this Christmas season. The cost is \$8, payable to Linda DeVries.

Newsletter available

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

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!

Offering envelopes

If you would like offering envelopes for weekly giving and did not receive them last year, contact Kelli Gunderson. If you received them last year, they will be ordered for you again this year!

White Gift offering collection begins December 15th

If you would like to contribute to Forreston Grove's annual White Gift offering, you may do so during the morning worship services on Sunday, December 15th or 22nd, or during Forreston Grove's Christmas eve service. The White Gift offering began in 1953 and continues as a tradition of Forreston Grove. In the past, gifts of food and toys were wrapped in white and brought to the Christmas program and designated to be given to those in need within our community. Today, financial gifts are given as "white gifts," and designated to local citizens in need, or to various missionaries and ministries throughout the world. Checks should be made payable to Forreston Grove Church, and designated to "White Gift" or the missionary or ministry of your choice.

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Christmas eve service planned

Forreston Grove's candlelight Christmas eve service will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 24th. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Grovers to serve February 1st 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 may do so on Saturday, February 1st from 3 to 6 p.m. Contact Kelli Gunderson for more information and to reserve your spot!

Ladies invited to "Made for More" conference

All ladies are invited to attend the PCA's "Made for More" conference May 2-3 in Naperville, Illinois. This conference will remind participants of their purpose, value, mission, hope, and belonging in a culture of "not-enoughness." This conference is open to all ladies 3rd grade and up. To join a group from Forreston Grove, contact Emily Williams!



Forreston Grove Church

Presbyterian Church in America

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

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>December 1</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Sam & Hailey</i>
<i>December 8</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Jason & Kim</i>
<i>December 15</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Linda & grandkid</i>
<i>December 22</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Tim & 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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Prayer Concerns

· **Church matters:**

- Pray that Forreston 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)
- Geneva Duitsman (pray for rehabilitation and healing)
- Jon & Katie Lohman (pray for healing after cancer diagnoses)
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