

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • December 8, 2024

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

\* "The First Noel"

\* "Silent Night"

\* "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

\* "We Bow Down"

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

### Our Confession of Sin

Music video - "Go Tell It On the Mountain" by Josh Turner

### 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 #184 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

### God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield

Luke 2:14, Romans 5:1, John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-7

"Peace"

\* Hymn #197 - "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

### \* 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.*

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\* 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.

### *Sign up for memorial poinsettias*

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

### *Offering envelopes available*

Offering envelopes are now available in the narthex. If you would like to use these envelopes for your gifts to Forreston Grove throughout the year, please pick up a box at your convenience!

### *Moms' group to meet tonight*

The moms' group studying Paul Tripp's book "Parenting" will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the fireplace room. The focus will be the last two chapters of the book. All moms are welcome!

### *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.

### *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!

*(announcements continued on back, . . .)*

***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!

***Thank you from the Moores***

Thank you for all of your prayers and support for Jadee over the past several months. We appreciate your continued prayers for her! — Lyle & Pat Moore

***Thank you from Anna Gabriel***

Thank you so much for having me come and share recently. I loved getting to reconnect during Sunday School and Mission Feast especially! Thank you for going out of your way to have all of that set up so nicely. Your church is such a great partner, and I feel so blessed. Thank you! — Anna Gabriel

***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>December 8</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Jason &amp; Kim</i>
<b><i>December 15</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Linda &amp; grandkid</i>
<b><i>December 22</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Tim &amp; Lynnetta</i>
<b><i>December 29</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Rob &amp; Kelli</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."*

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## *Prayer Concerns*

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- 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)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and peace)
- Loran Greenfield (pray for strength and improved mobility)

· **Our featured mission:** Remember the Rockford Rescue Mission as they serve meals, provide a safe place for their residents to live and recover, teach new skills, and show God's love.

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