

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • March 9, 2025

*Welcome! We're glad you're here!
Please join us in praise and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "Are You Washed in the Blood?"
- * "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"
 - * "He Will Hold Me Fast"
 - * "You Are My King"

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Music Video - "When We Pray" by Tauren Wells

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings -

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e're the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust oh Lord from Thee.*

- * **Hymn #337** - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

God's Word Today - Heath Tibbetts

John 14:12-14 — "Permission for Real Prayers"

- * **Hymn #528, vs. 1 & 2** - "God of Grace & God of Glory"

* Benediction

- * **Response** - "What a Mighty God We Serve"

*What a mighty God we serve! What a mighty God we serve!
Angels bow before Him, Heaven and Earth adore Him,
What a mighty God we serve.*

* 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.

We welcome Heath Tibbetts to the pulpit this morning. Heath has served in vocational ministry since 2000, becoming the Head of Spiritual Life at Rockford Christian School in 2023. His wife, Nikki, serves as Executive Director of the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford and they have three grown children. Heath spends his spare time reading, running, and going on Saturdays with Nikki.

Choir rehearsal today

Grover choir rehearsal will take place today right after church. All are welcome!

Ladies' monthly study begins tonight

A new ladies' study focusing on the book "How a Wife Speaks," by Selena Frederick, will begin at 6 p.m. tonight. The group will meet in the fireplace room the second Sunday of each month. If you're interested in joining the study and have not purchased a book, talk to Emily Williams.

Mens' monthly study to begin next Sunday

Men will also begin meeting monthly to study the book, "How a Husband Speaks" by R.G. Frederick. The first meeting will be 6 p.m., Sunday, March 16th, followed by meetings the third Sunday of each month. Anyone who would like to participate in this group, sign up or contact Matt Williams. Books can be purchased from Amazon.

New Women's Fellowship board announced

The 2025 Women's Fellowship leadership board consists of Linda DeVries, Joycie Werntz, and Cathy Schmidt. Thank you to outgoing members Nancy Parkinson and Emily Williams for their service!

Reference books available

Forreston Grove's annual reference book, which includes new boards, committees and responsibilities for 2025, is now available in the narthex. Please pick one up at your convenience and use it as your guide to the workings of the church throughout 2025!

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Early deadline for women's "Made for More" conference is March 15th

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. Early registration deadline is March 15th.

Daily devotionals available

"Our Daily Bread" devotionals for March, April, and May are now available in the rotating rack in the narthex.

Pioneer Club continues

Pioneer Club will continue here at Forreston Grove every Wednesday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through March 19th.

Nursery helpers sought

If you are able to help in the nursery during worship or Sunday School, please contact Makayla DeVries.

New residents at the manse

The manse has been rented to Lane Christians, Lauren Richardson, and their daughter, Braelynn. Please make them feel welcome!

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
March 9	Heath Tibbets	Kelli Gunderson	Daryl & Erika
March 16	Lyle Greenfield	Jan Davis	Butch & Tammy
March 22	Lyle Greenfield	Jan Davis	Sam & Hailey
March 29	Lyle Greenfield	Jan Davis	Jason & Kim

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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to make Him known."*

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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)
- Tom Virtue (pray for healing and strength)
- Carolyn Greenfield (pray for healing and patience)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and peace)
- Loran Greenfield (pray for strength and improved mobility)

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