

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • March 16, 2025

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

*Please join us in praise and prayer.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

- \* "Prepare Our Hearts"
- \* "There is a Redeemer"
- \* "Cornerstone"
- \* "Father, I Adore You"

### Our Thanksgiving to God

Hymn #352 - "Blessed Be The Name"

### Prayer of Oversight

#### Tithes and Offerings -

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;*

*And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.*

- \* Hymn #619, vs. 1 & 3 - "I Love to Tell the Story"

### God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield

1 Peter 2:1-3 — "Crave the Word of God"

- \* Hymn #75 - "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

### \* 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.

### **Choir rehearsal today**

The Grover choir will have their last rehearsal today right after church!

### **Mens' monthly study begins tonight**

All men are invited to the first meeting of the book study of "How a Husband Speaks" by R.G. Frederick, tonight at 6 p.m. Contact Matt Williams for more information. This group will meet the third Sunday of each month.

### **Pioneer Club wraps up this Wednesday**

The Spring season of Pioneer Club at Forreston Grove will finish up this Wednesday, March 19th. Thank you to all those who volunteered, donated, and prayed!

### **Summer camp scholarships available**

Forreston Grove is once again offering \$215 scholarships for any youth who would like to attend Rock River Christian Camp, Walcamp, Camp Timber-Lee, or PCA Cono Camp this summer. Flyers will be distributed at Pioneer Club, or you can pick one up in the narthex!

### **Communion set for March 30th**

Forreston Grove will celebrate holy communion during the morning worship service on Sunday, March 30th. Please prepare your hearts to partake in the Lord's Supper.

### **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!

### **Ladies' monthly study continues April 13th**

The new ladies' study focusing on the book "How a Wife Speaks," by Selena Frederick, will continue the second Sunday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the fireplace room. Contact Emily Williams for more information!

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

***Women's "Made for More" conference is May 2-3***

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

***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>March 16</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Jan Davis</i>	<i>Butch &amp; Tammy</i>
<b><i>March 23</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Jan Davis</i>	<i>Sam &amp; Hailey</i>
<b><i>March 30</i></b>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Jan Davis</i>	<i>Jason &amp; Kim</i>
<b><i>April 6</i></b>	<i>Lee Eclov</i>	<i>~volunteer sought~</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](mailto: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 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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