

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • April 6, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "He Has Made Me Glad"
- * "He is Exalted"
- * "Victory in Jesus"
- * Ten Thousand Reasons

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

Special video - Prayer request from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings -

"God is So Good"

*God is so good; God is so good.
God is so good; He's so good to me.*

- * **Hymn #338** - "We Sing the Greatness of Our God"

God's Word Today - Lee Eclov

Revelation 7 — "The Day Our Tears Are Dried"

- * **Hymn #345, vs. 1-3** - "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

* 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.

We welcome Lee Eclov to our pulpit this morning. Lee grew up attending a country church in South Dakota. He spent 40 years as a pastor in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and in Lincolnshire, Illinois, before retiring in February 2020. Lee is the author of many articles (mostly written for pastors) as well as four books. He has also been an adjunct professor of pastoral counseling at Trinity Evangelical Divinity school. He and his wife, Susan, have been married 52 years and have one son, Andy, who lives in Rockford.

Sign up for Easter plants

If you would like to purchase a plant to decorate the sanctuary in memory of a loved one this Easter season, please sign the sheet in the narthex. You may choose a lily or a tulip, and the cost is \$15, payable to Jan Greenfield.

DeVries family to visit next Sunday

Jonathan & Amy DeVries, missionaries with InterAct in Alaska, will be here at Forreton Grove next Sunday, April 13th. Come hear an update on their ministry during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m.!

Ladies' monthly study continues next Sunday

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!

Forreton Grove to host community Maundy Thursday service April 17th

Forreton Grove's Maundy Thursday service will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th. Communion will be served.

Methodist church to host community Good Friday service April 18th

First United Methodist Church in Forreton will host a community Good Friday service on Friday, April 18th at 6 p.m. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Community Easter sunrise service to be held at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church in Forreton will host an Easter sunrise service for the community on Sunday, April 20th. The service will begin at 6:30 a.m., with breakfast served at 7:15. All are welcome!

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Easter offering for World Relief

A special offering will be collected at Forreston Grove during the morning worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20th. This offering will benefit World Relief. Checks can be made payable to Forreston Grove and designated on the memo line to World Relief. For more information on World Relief, visit www.worldrelief.org.

Mens' monthly study will continue April 27th

The men's book study of "How a Husband Speaks" by R.G. Frederick, will meet this month the Sunday after Easter, on April 27th, at 6 p.m. Contact Matt Williams for more information!

April newsletters available

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

Ladies invited to breakfast at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church in Forreston invites our ladies to join them at their FAITHfilled Ladies' Breakfast for fun, food, and fellowship on Saturday, April 12th from 9 to 11 a.m. Entertainment will be the "Lost in the Woods" barbershop quartet.



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> |
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| <i>April 6</i> | <i>Lee Eclov</i> | <i>Diane Duitsman</i> | <i>Robert & Danielle</i> |
| <i>April 13</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Jan Greenfield</i> | <i>Carl & Sarah</i> |
| <i>April 20</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Jan Greenfield</i> | <i>Rob & Kelli</i> |
| <i>April 27</i> | <i>Lyle Greenfield</i> | <i>Jan Greenfield</i> | <i>Diane & Lauri</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.

· **New concerns:**

- Tom Virtue's chemotherapy was rescheduled to begin this week. Pray for health and strength for him as he undergoes six months of treatment.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and peace)
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