

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove

July 12, 2026



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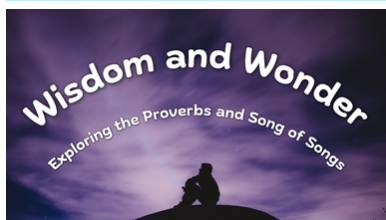
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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue our sermon series, **Wisdom and Wonder: Exploring the Proverbs and the Song of Songs**. The books of Proverbs and Song of Songs (Solomon in some versions), found in Hebrew Scripture, are often overlooked in Bible studies and worship. Yet, they are beautiful volumes of scripture that share the wisdom of God, how faithful and wise people live, and the beauty of love, creation, relationship, and life. Join us as we explore these beautiful writings and what they can mean for our life and faith. This week we focus on Proverbs 8 and 31. Welcome to Kingswood!



Join us on **Sunday, July 19**, at the Buffalo Grove campus at both the **9:00 am** and **10:30 am** services for a special morning of music and community. Known for their inspiring sound and powerful message, The Many will be leading our musical worship and sharing a few special selections. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to experience a dynamic and uplifting service. We can't wait to see you there!



Kingswood Church is invited to our third annual Kingswood on the Move: Summer Ice Cream Tour. Bring the whole family! Bring a friend! Bring your neighbor! Ice cream is on you, but the fellowship is on us! We will meet **between 7:00 and 8:00 pm** on select Wednesdays during the summer at various ice cream shops around the Buffalo Grove and Deerfield areas. Our next stop will be at Scoops and Cookies on **Wednesday, July 22**. To learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



Our Back-to-School Sweet Celebration is on **Sunday, August 16** at all three services. Bring your backpack to help kick-off the school year with a special Backpack Blessing during worship! And make sure to join us for some free ice cream treats as we celebrate a great summer and look ahead to an amazing school year. All are welcome—bring your friends, family, and neighbors!



Join us for a worship service on **Sunday, September 6, at 10:00 am**, as we worship as one church together. We will gather at the Schlimmer Bandshell/Pavilion at Willow Stream Park in Buffalo Grove. The facility has a picnic shelter and bathrooms. We will have the U2 tribute band, Without U2, as special guests to lead our worship. Invite a friend and bring your own chair. The Welcoming and Connecting Team will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks. We invite everyone to bring cookies to share!



All are invited on a "Road Trip" this summer without ever leaving home. Kingswood's Family Night Out, taking place at our Deerfield campus, will include recreation, dinner, workshops, and a closing campfire each of four evenings in July and August. Come to this multi-generational event when it fits your schedule and experience a faith-filled community! To register and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/family-night-out.



Join us for an evening on **Thursday, July 30, at 7:00 pm** with Jeff Fowler, PhD student at the University of Chicago, as he shares the history, purpose, and understanding of the Proverbs and the Song of Solomon in the Bible. To register, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prelude <i>Christians All, Come Sing His Praises</i>	Michael Fritsch Folk Hymn	Prayer of Intercession	Elaine Ahrens
Welcoming and Centering	Rev. James Preston	The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i> Blue Hymnal #600	Offering	Elaine Ahrens
*Words of Gathering One: Come, all who seek wisdom and listen to God's voice! All: We come longing to hear words of life! One: Come, all who desire love that is faithful and joyful! All: We celebrate the One who delights in us and calls us beloved. One: Choose to walk in the way of our God! All: May God's wisdom and love grow in us each day!	Shelly Leonida	Offertory	Rev. James Preston and Michael Fritsch <i>In the Garden</i> by C. Austin Miles
Opening Prayer O Wise God, in your wisdom, you call us to seek understanding, walk in integrity, and embrace your strength, compassion, and faithfulness. Shape our hearts to value what is right and just, and empower us to live with courage, generosity, and grace in every part of our lives. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions each day. Amen.		*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> Blue Hymnal #94
Ministry of Music	Rev. James Preston and Michael Fritsch <i>Bring Many Names</i> by Brian Wren	Announcements	Rev. James Preston
		*Hymn of Sending Forth	<i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i> Blue Hymnal #581
		*Benediction	Rev. James Preston
		Postlude <i>Toccata</i>	Michael Fritsch by Young

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Readings from the Proverbs	<i>Proverbs 8: 1-21</i> <i>Proverbs 31: 8-9</i>	Liturgist: Shelly Leonida Scripture Reader: Wendy Avner Ushers: Janet Marasco and Alison Taylor Greeters: Larry and Sally Arends
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. All: Thanks be to God. Amen.		
Song of Preparation	<i>More Like You</i> Black Hymnal #2167	
Sermon	Rev. James Preston <i>Wisdom and Justice</i>	

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