

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Deerfield

May 24, 2026



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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue our sermon series, leading us to listen deeply to God's claim on our lives and direction for our service. **Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice** invites us to hear the various Biblical stories of those men and women who have said YES to God, and in turn, have grown in faith as they changed the world. Join us this Sunday as we hear the Pentecost story in Acts 2 in the New Testament. Many are called as the Holy Spirit rushes in with a mighty wind and tongues of fire. We also celebrate Aldersgate Day, a day when John Wesley, founder of Methodism, felt his heart strangely warmed by the Spirit! Welcome to Kingswood!



All are invited on a "Road Trip" this summer without ever leaving home. Kingswood Deerfield's Family Night Out 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! Stay tuned for more details and register at www.kingswoodumc.com/family-night-out.



The United Methodist Men are sponsoring a gathering at the Chicago Dogs Baseball Game on **Saturday, June 13**, at Impact Field in Rosemont. There is a Neil Diamond tribute prior to the game at **4:45 pm** and special fireworks following the game. The game starts at **6:00 pm**. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by check to Kingswood United Methodist Church or by paying online with the Chicago Dogs drop-down option. Participants will meet at the game. Visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events or contact Bob Riley for more info.



Join Kingswood friends on a Sunday matinee outing on **Sunday, July 19**, leaving at **11:30 am** to *Suffs: The Musical* at the CIBC Theatre in Chicago. Ticket price will be less than \$150 per person; we'll know the exact price, possibly a "group rate," when we know how many people are interested. Sign up for an entertaining afternoon at www.kingswoodumc.com/events by **today, May 24!**



Join Q Fellowship in this year's BG Pride Parade on **Sunday, June 7, at 11:00 am!** We are excited to celebrate love, inclusion, and community together, and we would love for you to be part of it. Following the parade, we invite you to continue the celebration with Kingswood's Community Outreach Team at the BG Pride Picnic at **11:30 am**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help welcome attendees, build connections, and share in a joyful, safe space with our broader community. To volunteer and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/q-fellowship.



Come enjoy a great time in this lovely backyard near Ravinia in Highland Park. This will be a great time for fellowship, and proceeds will go towards the mission and ministry at Kingswood Church. The date will be **Saturday, June 27, from 12-5 pm, with a rain date on June 28**. The cost is \$40 per person with a maximum of 10 participants. Proceeds will go towards the mission at Kingswood. To register, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



Our Memorial Day Service will be held on **Monday, May 25, at 11:00 am** at Veterans Park in Buffalo Grove. This meaningful ceremony will include reflections, a moment of remembrance, and a tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We invite community members of all ages to come together in gratitude and respect as we commemorate their legacy. We are accepting retired flags for the flag burning at the Memorial Day service.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Song

Sweet Sweet Spirit
by Doris Akers

Welcoming Video

Sermon

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Prelude

Ron Arden

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

A Calling for All of Us

Tune: *Morecambe* by Fredrick Anderson, arr. Mark Hayes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Welcoming and Centering

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Hymn

And Can It Be that I Should Gain
Blue Hymnal #363

Prayer for Memorial Day Weekend

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Opening Song and Hymn of Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

by Brian Doerksen

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

Blue Hymnal #603

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.

*Words of Gathering

Bill Lundquist

One: God is calling us to serve and love!

All: Are we listening?

One: God is leading us to new life and beginnings!

All: Are we willing?

One: God is speaking hope to us!

All: Are we hearing this holy and joyful call?

Offering

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, as you come in wind and fire, fill us with courage and hope. Warm our hearts to love others boldly. We confess our sin of living in fear and hesitation. Forgive us and pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may dream your dreams, proclaim your grace, and live as witnesses to the good news of Christ. Amen.

Musical Offering

Ron Arden

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Tune: *Trentham* by Robert Jackson, arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Blue Hymnal #500

*Hymn of Sending Forth

Come Down, O Love Divine

Blue Hymnal #475

*Benediction

Rev. Clayton Edwards

(Children are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday school at this time.)

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Bill Lundquist

Ushers: Kathy Mark and David Barkalow

Greeters: Jack and Mary Meyers

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Gospel

Acts 2: 1-21

A Reading from the New Testament

Romans 8: 14-17

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

All church offices will be closed on Monday in honor of Memorial Day.

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