

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Deerfield

August 23, 2026



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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue our sermon series, ***We Are All From Come From Away!*** - based on scripture and the very popular musical, Come From Away. Join us for the next four weeks as we hear the powerful story of the people of Gander, Newfoundland, and their wide welcome to almost 7,000 people from planes diverted there on September 11, 2001. Initially a book, the story was made into a musical in 2015 and has become a beloved expression of hope and hospitality. Today, we spend time in Ephesians 2 and learn that Jesus knows we all have experienced the reality of loneliness, rejection, and being on the outside of things. From that reality, we seek to love and welcome all! Welcome to Kingswood!



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!



Kingswood is launching Life Groups the week of **September 20** — small groups of 6-12 people, open to anyone regardless of church membership, who meet weekly for 4 weeks around one simple question: "How is your life with God?" There's no homework or prep required, just a guide already laid out for you, and after the first 4 weeks each group decides whether to continue. We're looking for both participants and leaders. If you're interested in joining or leading a group, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/life-groups, and contact Betsy Nepomuceno at betsynepomuceno@gmail.com with questions.



September 13 is Welcome Back Sunday! On this day, we will be making sandwiches after worship for The Night Ministry! In addition, the United Methodist Men of Kingswood are sponsoring a BBQ Chicken Dinner **starting at 10:00 am**. Enjoy fresh grilled chicken along with sides and a drink. The meal can be packaged to go, or can be eaten in the Activity Center at the Buffalo Grove campus. All proceeds support the Hall Scholarship Program and UM Men ministries.



This event has been postponed to a new date: **Saturday, September 26**. We are collaborating with the First Presbyterian Church in Deerfield to help build an affordable house. The home is part of the Matthew Homes program of ReNew Communities, a not-for-profit organization whose focus is on revitalizing the city of North Chicago. By helping families own their own homes, we help bring stability to North Chicago, and we help the homeowners build a more secure future for their families. All levels of ability are welcome. There will be plenty of talented people to guide us in the work to be done. To sign up, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



Disciple Bible Study is an intensive, small-group Christian education program designed to develop strong Christian leaders by moving participants through comprehensive, multi-week overviews of Scripture via daily individual study and weekly group gatherings. The study also offers time to develop deep, lasting friendships as you study, reflect, and pray together as a group. A class is being formed at Kingswood for the Fall, Winter, and Spring for 2026-2027. Email Pastor James at jpreston@kingswoodumc.com for more information or to sign up.



Back-to-school time means continuing to care for school children in our communities. Kingswood has a long tradition of collecting school supplies to benefit students at local schools. This year, we will collect school supplies and monetary donations for the Nurse's Closet through this week. Visit www.kingswoodumc.com/serve-others for the list of supplies. There are collection bins at both campuses.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Sermon

Rev. Clayton Edwards

We're All Come From Away

Welcoming Video

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prelude

On Eagle's Wings

Dawn Karis

by Joncas

Song of Response

All Belong Here
by The Many

Welcoming and Centering

Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Opening Songs

Holy Spirit

by Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

I Give You My Heart

by Reuben Morgan

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Words of Gathering

Mindy Bradford

One: Somewhere in between the pace of life and work

All: Something makes you stop and notice

One: And you're finally in the moment

All: Somewhere in the middle of nowhere

One: In the middle of who knows where

All: There you'll find God calling us to sacred community!*(Adapted from Come From Away - The Musical)*

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.

Offering

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Announcements

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Opening Prayer

God of Grace, we remember, in one way or another, that we have all been outsiders—people who have felt alone, unwelcome, or separated from others. Through Christ, you have brought us near, breaking down the walls, and making us members of one family. Remind us that strangers can become neighbors, fear can give way to compassion, and hospitality can open our hearts to one another when we follow Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending Forth

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Blue Hymnal #557

*Benediction

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Postlude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*Dawn Karis
by Volksleider

*Stand as you are able.

Ministry of Music

Kate Henry and Dawn Karis

Me and the Sky

by Irene Sankoff and David Hein

Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Mindy Bradford**Ushers:** Kathy Mark and David Barkalow**Greeters:** The Mahoney Family*(Kids are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday school at this time.)*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Gospel

Ephesians 2: 13-19

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

Together We Serve
Black Hymnal #2175**Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by
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