

# A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

AUGUST 7, 2022

OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS & BUILD SACRED COMMUNITY AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST



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## FAITH ON BROADWAY

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Our sermon series, ***Faith on Broadway***, concludes today. We have been exploring scripture through Broadway musicals and what they teach us about following Jesus. The musicals included *The Lion King*, *The Sound of Music*, *Music Man*, and *Hairspray*. Today, we encounter *Come From Away*, as well as Acts 28: 1-14, learning how God calls us to radical hospitality, especially during times of crisis and brokenness.

Join us on **August 14** in either service for a special time of celebrating our mission commitments, trips, and projects for 2022. We will hear from speakers, see exciting video footage, and rejoice in how God is working through mission at Kingswood. A special celebration lunch will follow the 10:30 am service in the Activity Center.

## MISSION SUNDAY

AUGUST 14

RECOGNIZING  
& CELEBRATING  
OUR MISSIONS

No matter the age or how a student is feeling about the upcoming school year, a backpack blessing is a valuable ritual within our faith family. All students can bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 21** in the 9:00 am service to receive prayers of encouragement for a God-centered school year. After church, stop by the front patio for a FREE ice cream treat from an ice cream truck making a special visit to Kingswood.

➤ AUGUST 21 ◀

**BACKPACK SUNDAY**  
SCHOOL YEAR BLESSING OF  
STUDENTS, TEACHERS & BACKPACKS!

- AND -

ICE CREAM TRUCK CELEBRATION  
10 AM - 12:30 PM

The 50's Plus Fellowship Group (50 and older) will meet for fellowship and a cookout on **Monday, August 29**, at 11:30 am. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided along with drinks. Desserts and sides will be coordinated. Invite a friend and join us on the front porch! Sign up at [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).

**50'S PLUS  
COOKOUT LUNCH**

11:30 am  
Monday, August 29

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY**  
Coming Back Together!

September 11

Chicken Take Out  
Dinner Is Back!

Join us for worship on Welcome Back Sunday, **September 11**, as we kick off the fall season, welcome back our regular music groups, begin regular Sunday School, and celebrate ministry and mission at Kingswood. There will be a special coffee fellowship as well as the annual grilled chicken dinner in the Activity Center. Invite a friend and worship with us in-person or online.

Every year the Hymn Society has a hymn writing contest with a theme and a genre. This year's theme was "Sing the World God Imagines." I was inspired by this because of the unknown present in which we are living. We fear a world that is ever-changing and chaotic at times. This theme was a call to use our imaginations and our Bibles to write a tune that would inspire us to move forward despite so many unknowns. I did not win the contest, but I was able to write a tune and text that I am proud of. I introduce to you, "I Will Sing to You, O God." The printed music can be found in your pew with the hymnals.

~Felicia Patton, Minister of Music & Contemporary Worship

**Hymn Debut Today**  
*I Will Sing to You, O God*  
Words & Music by  
Felicia Patton

**GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome and Centering** Rev. James Preston

**Opening Songs** *You Are My Strength*  
by Reuben Morgan

*Build My Life*  
by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple,  
Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

**Words of Gathering** Jen Rataj

One: Welcome to the friends who have come  
from away!

**All: Welcome to the locals who have always  
said they'd stay!**

One: When you are hoping for a harbor

**All: Then you'll find an open door. Welcome  
to the Rock! Welcome once more!**

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**Generous God, you offer a wide welcome  
to us, always making room at the table. We  
confess we often fail to invite and include,  
focusing more on ourselves than others.  
Forgive us and help us make a space for  
those who come from away! Amen.**

**Ministry of Music** Sue Fujiu, Vicki Schauer &  
James Preston, Acc. Michael Fritsch  
*Prayer (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace by St. Francis)*  
Irene Sankoff and David Hein

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**A Reading from the New Testament** Acts 28:1-14

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

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Message** Rev. James Preston  
*Hospitality Can Change Everything!*

**Song of Response**

*I Will Sing to You, O God*  
by Felicia Patton

**Holy Communion** Pastor Clayton Edwards  
*(Our online worshipers are invited to have a cup of juice and  
a piece of bread/cracker for each person in your home.)*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Intercession** Pastor Clayton Edwards

**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** Pastor Clayton Edwards

**Special Music** Vicki Schauer, Acc. Michael Fritsch  
*I Am Here* Irene Sankoff and David Hein

**Announcements** Rev. James Preston

**Closing Song\***

*Let There Be Peace on Earth* Sy Miller | Jill Jackson

**Benediction\*** Rev. James Preston

*\*Stand as you are able.*

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Liturgist: Jen Rataj

Scripture Reader: Laura Hardy

Ushers: Mark Goode, Jim Frieling

Greeters: Marsha Seymour, Myra Webster

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