

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove

October 11, 2026



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Email Jenn Sawyer, Director of Kids' and Family Ministries and Welcoming, at jsawyer@kingswoodumc.com

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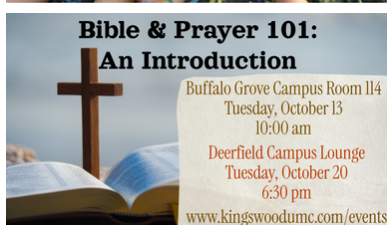


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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue our sermon series, *Imagine Together*, which is also the theme for our annual stewardship journey. Through October, we will imagine our future together as faithful followers of Jesus. With Scripture, we will explore healing the world, celebrating abundance, embracing rest, and experiencing the awe of God's vision and dreams for our congregation. We will also learn how we can be more generous in every way so that lives are changed in the name of Christ! Today, we celebrate that God always provides so that there is plenty at the table! Welcome to Kingswood!



Bible and Prayer 101 is a basic one-session introduction course on the basics of the Bible and the basic practices of Christian prayer. Led by Pastor James, the study is a perfect way to begin to understand both Scripture and prayer while connecting to others on the journey. Bring a Bible and let's grow together for this 90 minute class. To sign up and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



It's that time of year again when HarvestFest is coming to Kingswood. Join us on **Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm** for all kinds of fun fall activities like Trunk or Treat, games, a Petting Farm, FREE lunch for kids under 12 years old, and pumpkin decorating. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for this free community event! To check out all things HarvestFest, go to www.kingswoodumc.com/harvestfest, including signing up to volunteer or decorate for Trunk or Treat.



The annual church conference or annual meeting of Kingswood Church will be on **Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Victor Melad, will preside. We will hear a review of our past year, celebrate the gifts of grace in our midst, set clergy salaries, and more. All are invited.



JOIN the Chancel Choir for Christmas! This year, on **Sunday, December 6**, we are offering our special Advent Choral Concert as part of our Advent journey, and we need your musical gifts to make it a reality. Whether you have sung in choirs before or simply love to make a joyful noise, there is a place for you in this special seasonal worship experience. Rehearsals start **Wednesday, November 1**, with a full-dress rehearsal on **Wednesday, December 2**. No formal audition is required for choir participants—just a heart for worship and a commitment to the rehearsal schedule. Contact Felicia Patton or Sue Fujiu to join the email list for more information.



Join us on **Friday, November 13**, for World Kindness Day as we serve locally and impact globally through simple acts of kindness! Gather for dinner at Culver's in Buffalo Grove from **5:30-6:30 pm**, then serve at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville from **7:15-8:45 pm**. Throughout the day, you can also participate by dining to donate at Culver's in Buffalo Grove or Northbrook and wearing your #KingswoodKindness shirt—all while helping raise money for FMSC. Shirts will be available for any donation amount after all three services on November 1 and 8; sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events by **October 30** to reserve your spot and receive a free shirt!



Our Auction is **Sunday, November 8-Saturday, November 14**! This year's auction will end with our Annual Watch Party at the Arboretum Club on **Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm**. Admission is \$30 online. To register and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/auction.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcoming and Centering

Rev. James Preston

*Opening Song

Friend of God

by Israel Houghton and Michael Gungor

*Words of Gathering

Shelly Leonida

One: Hear the Good News of Christ!

All: With Jesus, there is more than enough to share!

One: Imagine God's abundance among us!

All: Together, we dream of a world where every table is overflowing!

Opening Prayer

God of creation, open our hearts to imagine together a world where all your children have enough. Free us from anxiety and scarcity, so that like the birds of the air and flowers of the field, we may live with confidence in your loving care. Amen.

Kids' Message

Jenn Sawyer

(Kids are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday School at this time.)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Song of Praise

Bless God

by Brooke Ligertwood

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 55: 1-5, 12-13

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 6: 26-33

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Special Music

Susan Modlin Hines

Thank You

by Ray Boltz

Sermon

Rev. James Preston

A Full Table

A Witness to Imagine Together

Kenny Whisler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession

Lisa Bischoff

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

Lisa Bischoff

Investing Together at Kingswood

Video

Words of Remembrance

Jim Gibson

Remembering Beverly Modlin

Special Music

Allelus, acc. Michael Fritsch

How Beautiful (Your Song of Praise)

by Lippencott

Announcements

Rev. James Preston

*Closing Song

Take My Life

by Frances Havergal, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio

*Benediction

Rev. James Preston

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Shelly Leonida**Scripture Reader:** Mark Rohde**Ushers:** Carl Ellis and Mike Schauer**Greeters:** Sue Kluge and the Lally Family

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