

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove

October 4, 2026



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

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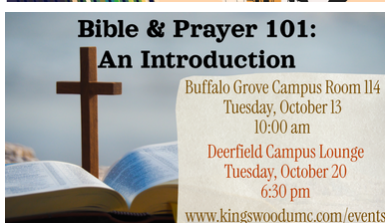
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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we begin our new sermon series, ***Imagine Together***, which is also the beginning of our annual stewardship journey. Through October, we will imagine our future together as faithful followers of Jesus. With Scripture, 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 is also World Communion Sunday, and we celebrate with Christians around the globe. Remember Commitment Sunday is **October 25**.



Our annual Pet Blessing Service is **Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 4:00 pm** in the Memorial Courtyard (the Front Patio) of Kingswood Church's Buffalo Grove campus. All pets are welcome to this simple but beautiful service to bless our pets and their owners.



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 am - 2 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 learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/harvestfest.



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 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!



2026 KINGSWOOD AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED! Our Auction is **Sunday, November 8-Saturday, November 14**, and we need your help to make it a success! We are currently accepting donations of gift cards, experiences, services, and monetary donations to sponsor baskets and other items! The donation deadline is **today**. Every donation helps us work toward our fundraising goal of \$50,000+ and support the important missions of our church. Spread the word about our auction & donate now!

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Welcoming and Centering

Rev. James Preston

Prayer of Intercession

Hadley Ruston

***Opening Song** *We Are Singing (Siyahamba/Caminando)*
by South Africa, adapt. by Hal H. Hopson

***Words of Gathering** Anna Deahl
One: Let us imagine together a world of peace!
All: Where people are healed and restored!
One: Where life is shared and joy experienced!
All: Let us imagine together a world of love!

Opening Prayer

Holy One, bring hope and healing to our lives when hurt hardens our hearts. Holy Jesus, call us into community even when we feel isolated and alone. Holy Spirit, lend us patience and persistence when change takes longer than we ever imagined. Amen.

(from Imagine Together Stewardship Resource)

(Kids are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday School at this time. They will return for communion later in the service.)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Song of Praise Youth Praise Band
Three Little Birds
by Bob Marley

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures *2 Kings 5: 1-16*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation *More Like You*
Black Hymnal #2167

Sermon Rev. James Preston
A World Made Whole

A Witness to Imagine Together Bill and Lori Chandler
Celebrating Stewardship Together

The Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to pray in your first language.)

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

Hadley Ruston

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. James Preston
You are invited forward to receive by intinction or a sealed cup/wafer. We practice open communion. Our online worshipers are invited to have a cup of juice and a piece of bread/cracker for each person in your home.

Communion Song

Table of Plenty
Green Hymnal #3173

Announcements

Rev. James Preston

***Closing Song** *How Great Is Our God*
by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

***Benediction** Rev. James Preston

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Anna Deahl**Scripture Reader:** Ethan Roscher**Ushers:** Jim Frieling and Randy Pickett**Greeters:** John and Laura Klein

Communion Servers: James Dreyer, Ashlyn Foley, Harper Foley, Kendel Foley, Ryan Foley, Susan Gordon, and Lauren Hill

Communion Bread: Worship Team

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