

# WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD CHURCH

BUFFALO GROVE

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Welcome to Kingswood as we continue our sermon series, *The Gospel of John*, and celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week. Today, we will hear the story of his procession into Jerusalem, with the crowds waving palm branches as the people shout, HOSANNA, which means "God save us!" Join us for brunch today at both campuses as we celebrate sacred community as we walk with Jesus. Join us before each service as we process with Jesus and a donkey around our building. Our Easter Egg Hunt will happen between services at **10:00 am** on the front lawn. Welcome to Kingswood!



Join us for Holy (Maundy) Thursday on **April 2 at 6:30 pm** as we gather for a simple light dinner and an interactive worship experience at **7:00 pm** our Deerfield campus. Together, we'll remember Jesus' command to love one another and reflect on the meaning of the Last Supper in a meaningful, hands-on way. If you would like to bring food to the dinner, please sign up at [bit.ly/kingswood-holy-thursday-food](http://bit.ly/kingswood-holy-thursday-food).



Join us for Good Friday services on **April 3** as we remember the depth of Christ's love and sacrifice. Services will be held at our Buffalo Grove campus at **12:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. The 7:00 pm service will feature a powerful dramatic reading of the passion story and Stations of the Cross, inviting us to reflect deeply as we prepare for Easter.



Join us on **April 4** for Easter Saturday for a meaningful, youth-led service offering a contemporary look at the Easter story. This service is written and shared by the Kingswood Youth Group, bringing fresh perspective, creativity, and hope as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection together.



Celebrate the joy of the resurrection with us on Easter Sunday on **April 5** at Kingswood Church! Join us for uplifting worship, inspiring music, and a spirit-filled gathering as we rejoice in new life and the hope Christ brings to all. Services are held at **9:00 am and 10:30 am** at the Buffalo Grove campus, and at **10:00 am** at the Deerfield campus.



Explore the history of Christianity through art and architecture while traveling with Pastor Daniel Cochran! We will be holding an informational session on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm** at the Buffalo Grove campus, focused on a pilgrimage to Rome happening in **April 2027**. The trip will have a unique focus on faith, fellowship, and education, with comfortable lodging, local transportation, communal meals, site tickets, and guided tours. To learn more, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).



On **Wednesday, April 22 from 5:00–7:00 PM**, join us for an Earth Day clean-up along Dundee Road as we care for our community and creation together. Gloves, safety vests, and bags will be provided, and you're welcome to come for any amount of time that fits your schedule. Meet at Kingswood at 5:00 PM, or simply find us anywhere along Dundee Road between Arlington Heights Road and Buffalo Grove Road. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join in and help make a difference!

## GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Procession of Jesus and the Palms Outside

Welcome and Centering Rev. James Preston

\*Opening Song *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)*  
by Paul Baloché and Brenton Brown

\*Words of Gathering Elaine Ahrens  
One: Walk with the Good Shepherd and celebrate the Bread of Life!

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David!**

One: Follow the Living Water and embrace the Light of the World!

**All: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!**

One: Give your hearts to the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!**

## Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus, we welcome you with joy as the crowds once did, waving our branches and lifting our praise. Open our hearts to receive you as our Savior, not just in words but in the way we live, serve, and love. Lead us and all people along your path of humility and peace. Hosanna! Amen.

*(Children are invited to remain in the service with their families to experience worship today.)*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Song of Praise *Hosanna*  
by Brooke Fraser

A Reading from the Gospel *John 12: 12-19*

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

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

Song of Preparation *Lord of All Hopefulness*  
Black Hymnal #2197, vv. 3 & 4

## Palm Sunday Stations

Jenn Sawyer

1. Praying with the Pastor
2. Music and Singing
3. Remembering Your Baptism
4. Palm Sunday Sticker Scenes
5. Prayer Wall
6. Salvation Station
7. Donkey Headbands

## Songs During Stations (You may remain seated and sing with Felicia Patton.)

*Because He Lives*

by William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

*Blessed Assurance*

by Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp

*'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus*

by Louisa M. R. Stead and William James Kirkpatrick

*The Old Rugged Cross*

by George Bennard

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession

Donna Gavin

## 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

Donna Gavin

Announcements

Rev. James Preston

\*Closing Song

*How Great is Our God*  
by Chris Tomlin

\*Benediction

Rev. James Preston

\*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Elaine Ahrens

Scripture Reader: Laura Klein

Ushers: Mark Rohde and Mike Schauer

Greeters: John Klein, Laura Klein, and Lani Vabulas

Join us after service for a Palm Sunday Brunch, hosted by the United Methodist Men!

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