

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove

April 19, 2026



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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we begin a seven-week sermon series that leads us to listen deeply to God's claim on our lives and direction for our service. **Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice** invites us to hear the various Biblical stories of those men and women who have said YES to God, and in turn, have grown in faith as they changed the world. What is God calling you to do? To say? To be? Join us this Sunday as we explore the call to Abraham and Sarah! Welcome to Kingswood!



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!



Join us for a special event on **Sunday, April 26, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm**, hosted via Zoom at both campuses and led by Rev. Joe Graves. Together we'll explore how sharing our faith is a natural extension of love for our neighbors, grounded in listening, authenticity, and genuine welcome. Lunch will be provided at both campuses during the event. All are welcome! To sign up, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



Kingswood is partnering with Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, First UMC of Arlington Heights, and the Northern Illinois Conference to host a two-day training for roles of visitation, care, and support, especially in times of challenging illness, struggle, or dying. We are asking you to plan on being there on **Friday, May 8, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. We are hosting at the Buffalo Grove campus. The whole northern region of Illinois United Methodists will be invited. Sign up online at www.umcnic.org/calendar/caring-congregations-workshop and use the discount code "CARE" to avoid payment.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month—a time to remember that mental health is for everyone, and that caring for our minds and hearts is part of our faith. Throughout Scripture, we see faithful people like David, Elijah, and even Jesus experience deep emotion, reminding us that we are never alone in what we feel. On **Sunday, May 10**, we invite the congregation to wear green as a sign of support and awareness.



Sign-up for Summer music has begun. We are looking for people to share their gifts with the congregation during the summer months when our music groups take a well-deserved rest. If you would like to share your music during service, you can reach out to Felicia Patton or send an email to kingswoodmusic@kingswoodumc.com.



Kingswood's 60s Plus ministry welcomes Pastor David Proffitt to the Deerfield campus on **Thursday, May 14, at 1:00 pm**, as he tells his story of the church in South Africa and his experience growing up there. There will also be a few travel pics from Pastor Lynn of her own trip there. Following the presentation, we will be enjoying a potluck dessert with fellowship. Willing to bring a dessert to share? Please let us know when you register for the event at www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcoming and Centering Rev. James Preston

***Opening Song** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
by Paul Baloche

***Words of Gathering** Shelly Leonida
One: God is calling us to serve and love!

All: Are we listening?

One: God is leading us to new life and beginnings!

All: Are we willing?

One: God is speaking hope to us!

All: Are we hearing this holy and joyful call?

Opening Prayer

God of promise, who called Abraham and Sarah to go into the unknown, call us now out of comfort into faith. Open our hearts to hear Your voice, and meet us here and awaken us to Your presence. Send us from this place ready to follow, trusting Your call and becoming a blessing to the world. Amen.

Song of Praise *Cornerstone*
by Edward Mote, Eric Liljero,
Reuben Morgan, and Jonas Myrin

(Children are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday school at this time.)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Readings from Hebrew Scriptures *Genesis 12: 1-9*
Genesis 18: 1-15

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
Called to an Unknown Journey

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

Special Music Handbell Choir
Blessed Assurance
by Sandra Eithun

Announcements Rev. James Preston

***Closing Song** *One Thing Remains*
by Israel Houghton

***Benediction** Rev. James Preston

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Shelly Leonida

Scripture Reader: Laura Klein

Ushers: Carl Ellis and Mike Schauer

Greeters: Carol Ellis, Jan Healy, and Susan Gordon

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