

# Welcome to Kingswood Church

Buffalo Grove

June 7, 2026



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Welcome to Kingswood Church and our new sermon series, **MEASURE UP: Becoming a Disciple of Jesus!** Did you ever want to ride a rollercoaster, but you had to stand next to a sign to measure whether you were tall enough? At a carnival, did you try to ring the bell with the sledgehammer at the High Striker? These efforts required a level of measuring-up or having the strength for action. Our series invites us to take a moment to measure our commitment to Jesus. Readings from Isaiah and Romans will help us measure our understanding and acceptance of grace. We also celebrate Pride Sunday and our witness at the Pride Parade and Picnic in Buffalo Grove. Welcome to Kingswood!



This year's BG Pride Parade steps off **today, June 7, at 11:00 am!** We are excited to celebrate love, inclusion, and community together following the parade, and we would love for you to be part of it. Following the parade, we invite you to continue the celebration with Kingswood's Community Outreach Team at the BG Pride Picnic at **11:30 am**. This is a wonderful opportunity to help welcome attendees, build connections, and share in a joyful, safe space with our broader community. To learn more, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/q-fellowship](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/q-fellowship).



Kingswood Church is invited to our third annual Kingswood on the Move: Summer Ice Cream Tour. Bring the whole family! Bring a friend! Bring your neighbor! Ice cream is on you, but the fellowship is on us! We will meet **between 7:00 and 8:00 pm** on select Wednesdays during the summer at various ice cream shops around the Buffalo Grove and Deerfield areas. Our first stop will be at Covered Bridge Creamery on **Wednesday, June 10**. To learn more, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).



Join us for Graduation Sunday on **June 14** at both campuses! We will recognize all graduates and scholarship recipients during each of the worship services and celebrate afterwards with treats and gifts! This invitation is for all who are graduating high school, college, trade school, tech school, the military, a certificate program, master's, and beyond! The entire church is invited to wear their former, current, future, or family school spirit wear to all services this day in honor of our graduates!



Get ready for an incredible week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) from **June 14-17, 5:00-7:30 pm** at the Buffalo Grove campus. This year's theme, "Do You Measure Up?", will explore faith through engaging activities, meaningful lessons, and plenty of fun with friends. Campers and volunteers can now register online to be part of this exciting week of learning, faith, and growth. To sign up and learn more, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/vbs](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/vbs).



Wheeling Township administers the Home Delivered Meals program (Meals on Wheels) for residents throughout the township. This program provides a nutritious, freshly prepared hot meal delivered midday, Monday through Friday. Sign up by **June 12** to help deliver meals to our neighbors in need. Volunteers must be available to deliver meals between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm on the days they sign up. To sign up and learn more, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/serve-others](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/serve-others).



Our Deerfield campus has a tradition of offering hot dogs, chips, and water to spectators at Deerfield's annual 4th of July parade. We are looking for people to offer hospitality and welcome, donate chips and bottles of water to the Deerfield campus by **Sunday, June 28**, and be a witness to Deerfield and the surrounding communities.

## GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

## Welcoming and Centering

Rev. James Preston

## \*Opening Song

*Bless God*

by Brandon Lake, Cody Carnes, and Brooke Ligertwood

## \*Words of Gathering

Evan Leonida

One: When we fail to measure up...

**All: Your grace fills the gaps!**

One: When we are tempted by the thrills of the world...

**All: Your mercy calls us back!**

One: When we are consumed by sin and selfishness...

**All: Your love forgives and heals us!**

## Opening Prayer

**Loving God, we need your mercy when we measure ourselves against the world and come up short. In the noise and thrill of so many distractions, remind us that if you are for us, nothing can separate us from you. Open our hearts to rest in the grace that carries, saves, and restores us, even in the ups and downs of life. Amen.**

*(Children 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

*Goodness of God*

by Cece Winans, Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Jason Ingram, Brian Johnson, and Jenn Johnson

## A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures

*Isaiah 63: 7-9*

## A Reading from the New Testament

*Romans 8: 31-39*

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

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

## Song of Preparation

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Black Hymnal #2171

## Sermon

Rev. James Preston

*How Do We Measure Grace?*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## Prayer of Intercession

Nary Melesio

## 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

Nary Melesio

## 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Blue Hymnal #140

## Announcements

Rev. James Preston

## \*Closing Song

*Who You Say I Am*

by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

## \*Benediction

Rev. James Preston

\*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Evan Leonida

Scripture Reader: Molly Lapetino

Ushers: Carl Ellis and Mark Goode

Greeters: Mike and Lauren Hill

Communion Servers: Joel Ahrens, Joanna Amaral, Lauren Hill, Mike Hill, Ed Leonida, and Shelly Leonida

Communion Bread: Worship Team

Musicians: Sue Fujiu, Heather Schmidt, and Jess Thompson

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