

# WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD CHURCH

BUFFALO GROVE

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Welcome to Kingswood as we continue our sermon series, *The Gospel of John*! Today we meet Nicodemus, a popular religious leader, who comes to Jesus by night, looking for a deeper understanding of faith and being born anew. We also encounter the Samaritan woman at the well, an outcast and target of gossip and judgment. Jesus sees her fully, and they have a life-changing conversation. These two profound stories lead us to reflect on our journey and to commit more ourselves more fully to walking with Christ. Welcome to Kingswood!



The **2026 Lenten Offering** benefits Solar Oven Partners. Solar ovens don't just cook food; Solar ovens change lives and communities. Solar Oven Partners focuses on cooking up the conditions for well-being in the Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone, and the northwestern lands of the Navajo Nation. By partnering with us as a volunteer or donor, you'll help to change lives and increase well-being in communities where we work now, and wherever God and people may invite us to go as Solar Oven Partners.



The Buffalo Grove community blood drive will be held with Vitalant Blood Center on **Saturday, March 7, between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm** at the Alcott Center at 530 Bernard Drive. For every unit of blood collected, Vitalant will donate \$20 to the Kingswood Food Pantry. To sign up and learn more, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).



**Friday, March 13** is a lucky day for our 60's Plus group as we take a guided tour of the Ellwood House in DeKalb, Illinois. Originally built for barbed wire entrepreneur Isaac Ellwood, the mansion was home to three generations of the Ellwood family from 1879 to 1965. We'll meet at the Buffalo Grove campus to carpool; please let Pastor Lynn know if you're willing to drive. Lunch will be on your own at The Flame before our tour. The Ellwood House is handicapped accessible on two levels. To register, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).



Join Girls Night Out (GNO) for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night hosted by Kingswood's very own Mark Rohde on **Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 pm** in the Fireside Room on the Buffalo Grove campus. Teams will be made to compete for the most knowledgeable of Mark's well-thought-out trivia questions. Lots of fun guaranteed. To register, please visit [www.kingswoodumc.com/events](http://www.kingswoodumc.com/events).



Palm Sunday is the week before Easter and commemorates the entry of Jesus and his disciples into Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. We will wave palm branches and welcome Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna!" which means "God Save Us!" The United Methodist Men will offer a Palm Sunday Brunch at the Buffalo Grove campus **from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm**. They will be serving pancakes, ham, grits, fresh fruit salad and assorted sweet breads. There will also be a table set up so you can top your pancakes with assorted fresh fruit, syrup, and whipped cream. No reservations are needed, but donations are welcome at the event!



Join us at the Buffalo Grove Campus for a fun, family-friendly Easter Egg Hunt! Invite your friends and family to celebrate with us on **Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am**. Start the morning at our 9:00 am interactive service, then stick around for an exciting egg hunt the whole family will enjoy. We will also have a live donkey at both services that will lead our children and others in the Palm Sunday parade! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** Michael Fritsch  
*How Firm A Foundation* Young

**Welcoming and Centering** Rev. James Preston

**\*Opening Hymn** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
Blue Hymnal #133

**\*Words of Gathering** Donna Gavin

One: Come and follow Jesus!

**All: A Healing Balm and The Good Shepherd!**

One: Come and walk with Jesus!

**All: The Living Water and the Bread of Life!**

One: Commit your hearts to Jesus!

**All: The Way, The Truth, the Life!**

**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Holy God, we come with questions in the night, longing to be born from above and made new by your Spirit. We thirst for your living water to restore the dry and parched places of our hearts. We long to walk in your light and truth. Forgive our sins and lead us to you. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**Readings from the Gospel** *John 3: 1-8*  
*John 4: 4-26*

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

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

**Song of Preparation** *We Walk by Faith*  
Black Hymnal #2196, vv. 1 & 3

**Sermon** Rev. James Preston  
*Midnight and Midday Conversations*

**Anthem** Chancel Choir  
*Only Faith*  
by Joseph M. Martin

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Prayer of Intercession** Beth Weeden

## 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** Beth Weeden

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Blue Hymnal #95

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** Rev. James Preston  
*Communion Setting: Black Hymnal #2257 (A, B, C, & D)*  
*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 Hymn** *Feed Us, Lord*  
Green Hymnal #3167

**Announcements** Rev. James Preston

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
Blue Hymnal #348

**\*Benediction** Rev. James Preston

**Postlude** Michael Fritsch  
*Carillon* Martin

\*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Donna Gavin

Scripture Reader: Tom Bartlett

Ushers: Larry Arends, Sally Arends, and Tom Bartlett

Greeters: Linda Gorr and Beth Weeden

Communion Servers: Don Baraglia, Tyler Berman, Gia Miller,  
and Cookie Nicholson

Communion Bread: Worship Team

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