

Holy Week SERVICES

Palm Sunday - March 29 Brunch, sponsored by United Methodist Men, follows Buffalo Grove services	9:00 am & 10:30 am Buffalo Grove campus 10:00 am Deerfield campus
Holy Thursday - April 2 Meal with Holy Communion and Foot/Hand Washing	6:30 pm Deerfield campus
Good Friday - April 3 Stations of the Cross at 7 pm service	12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Buffalo Grove campus
Holy Saturday - April 4 Contemporary Easter Celebration	5:00 pm Buffalo Grove campus
Easter Sunday - April 5 Celebrate the Resurrection!	9:00 am & 10:30 am Buffalo Grove campus 10:00 am Deerfield campus

For details on the Lent and Easter season at Kingswood, scan here:



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WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD CHURCH

BUFFALO GROVE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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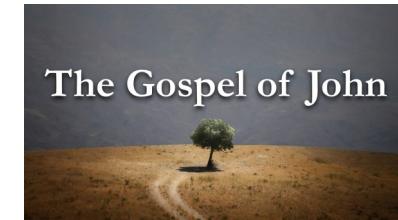
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Welcome to Kingswood on this Mardi Gras Sunday as we celebrate God's goodness and hear the story of Jesus transfigured on a mountain before three of his followers. Mardi Gras, meaning "Fat Tuesday" in French, is a festive celebration filled with music and joy as we prepare for Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. You are invited to experience exuberant joy with beads, King's Cake and jazz music. Today is a time for rejoicing in the light and goodness of God through Christ Jesus. Before we begin the 40 days of Lent with fasting and prayer and repentance, let us cherish the gift of life and laughter! Welcome to Kingswood!

Scout Troop 401 will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast **TODAY from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the Activity Center. Pancakes, sausage, fruit salad, coffee, and beverages will be served! Come and support our scouting troop and enjoy good fellowship.

Join us for a powerful sermon series focused on the Fourth Gospel, situating its "I am" statements and unique stories in their original historical and Jewish context. While we explore key stories in the Book of John, we will focus on Jesus as Word, as Life, as Bread, and as Living Water, focusing on the commitments of being a disciple in the light of crucifixion and resurrection.

Join us for an exciting time to live Life Out Loud with the Q Fellowship! We welcome the About Face Theatre to Kingswood as they bring their production, Life Out Loud: Voices of Pride, on **Friday, February 27, at 7:00 pm** at our Buffalo Grove campus. Three friends journey through a gallery of stories from LGBTQ+ people past and present. Together they investigate history's torn out pages discovering new ideas to expand our understanding of gender and sexuality and often forgotten Black and Asian queer history. To register and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

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.

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 Kingswood Buffalo Grove to car pool; please let Lynn know if you're willing to drive. Lunch will be on your own at The Flame before our tour. Ellwood House is Handicapped accessible on two levels. To register, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

The Mission Team invites all interested adults to travel to Obion, TN on **May 3-9** to help repair and modify homes for low-income households as part of Reelfoot Rural Ministries' REELHOME program. To learn more, we will hold informational meetings at the Buffalo Grove campus on **February 22 at 11:30 am** and at the Deerfield campus on **March 1 at 11:00 am**. You can also sign up to express your interest in the trip (not a commitment) at www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

MARDI GRAS SUNDAY**FEBRUARY 15, 2026****9:00/10:30 AM SERVICES****GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE****Prelude**

Over in the Gloryland The Stanley Brothers The Kingswood Four + One

Welcoming and Centering

Rev. James Preston

***Opening Song**

Down by the Riverside Negro Spiritual The Kingswood Four + One

***Words of Gathering**

One: Come and worship with joy and gladness!

All: Fill our hearts with Your light and hope!

One: Change our hearts with your grace and peace!

All: May we worship you as the good times roll!**Opening Prayer (Unison)**

Holy and radiant God, on the mountain you revealed your glory and the joy of your beloved Son, dazzling us with a glimpse of heaven. As the good times roll, keep our laughter holy and our delight rooted in your light. When we must return from the mountain, give us courage to follow Jesus in trust and obedience. May every joy we taste lead us to listen to him more deeply. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian Bill Ingram Handbell Choir

(Children and youth will remain in the service with their families.)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**A Reading from the Psalms**

Psalm 2

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 17: 1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**Song of Preparation**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Black Hymnal #2129

Sermon

Let The Good Times Roll! Rev. James Preston

Song of Praise

I'll Fly Away Albert E. Brumley The Kingswood Four + One

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Donna Gavin (9:00 am)/Wendy Avner (10:30 am)

Prayer of Intercession**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 (9:00 am)/Wendy Avner (10:30 am)

***Offertory**

The Old Rugged Cross George Bennard The Kingswood Four + One

Announcements

Rev. James Preston

***Closing Song**

When the Saints Go Marching In

Negro Spiritual

The Kingswood Four + One

Rev. James Preston

Benediction*Postlude**

When The Saints Go Marching In (Reprise)

Negro Spiritual

The Kingswood Four + One

Liturgists

9:00 am Beth Barber 10:30 am Debbie Reid

Scripture Readers

9:00 am Mark Rohde 10:30 am Jay Jayapalan

Greeters

9:00 am Carol Ellis, Susan Gordon, and Jan Healy

10:30 am Donna Gavin, Lorelei Jarrell, and Paula Swanson

Ushers

9:00 am Carl Ellis and Mike Schauer

10:30 am Gia Miller and Julie Turner

In honor of Presidents Day, church offices will be closed at both campuses on **Monday, February 16**.Welcome to guest musicians, **The Kingswood Four + One: Bill Overton**, Clarinet; **Art Davis**, trumpet; **Jimmy Barrett**, banjo; **Dave Bock**, tuba; **Tom Bartlett**, trombone**Join us after services for King's Cakes!**