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BUFFALO GROVE

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



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All Saints Sunday



Welcome to Kingswood as we begin our new sermon series, *What's Your Story: Seeing Our Lives Through God's Eyes*. Over the next weeks, we will explore the story of Joseph found in the Bible. We will hear about his joys, his challenges, his very low moments, and his victories. By encountering his story, we will share our own faith story and how our journey with Christ builds a profound narrative for each of us. Today, we meet Joseph as a teen and learn of his two powerful dreams. We also take intentional time to remember the stories of those who have gone before as we celebrate All Saints Sunday. Welcome to Kingswood!

ANNUAL AUCTION WATCH PARTY

6 PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
AT THE ARBORETUM CLUB
BUFFALO GROVE

www.kingswoodumc.com/auction

Mark your calendars for the annual Kingswood Auction, which runs online **November 2-8**. We're excited to continue a social element to this year's auction experience: The Finale Watch Party! We'll celebrate the remaining hours of online bidding on **Saturday, November 8** by gathering at The Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove for soft drinks and a light meal. Bring your phones and continue bidding while enjoying fellowship with your Kingswood friends. The ticket price for the party will be \$30 per person, available at www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

Gifts For All God's Children



Sign up November 9 & 16



Return Wrapped Gifts December 1-8

Gifts For All God's Children is an annual ministry that provides Christmas gifts for local children in need. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more children, you can sign up and receive information at either campus on **Sunday, November 9 or 16** after worship. We will provide instructions to make the process easy. Please purchase, wrap, and return gifts to Kingswood by **Sunday, December 8**.

Cold Weather Is Coming

Give the Gift of Warmth

We're accepting donations of CHILDREN'S HATS,
SOCKS & GLOVES/MITTENS for local elementary
school students through Sunday, November 30.

The cold weather is coming! As part of our ongoing commitment to serve local schools, we will collect children's hats, gloves, mittens, and socks for Oak Terrace, Kilmer, Twain, and Whitman Schools. Give the gift of warmth in anticipation of the winter season as we care for elementary school students in our communities. Items can be dropped off in the Mitten Tree collection boxes in Buffalo Grove and Deerfield through **Sunday, November 30**.

World KINDNESS DAY Open House

6-8 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
BUFFALO GROVE CAMPUS

Join us on **Thursday, November 13** any time from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a special World Kindness Day Open House, where we'll celebrate the power of kindness to uplift and unite our community. Through hands-on activities and creative stations, you'll have the chance to spread joy, connect with others, and discover ways to make a difference. Let's come together to inspire compassion and make our world a little brighter, one act of kindness at a time! Friends, family, and neighbors are invited to come, so spread the word!

Girls Night Out

Fall Cookie Decorating
Tuesday, November 18
7:00 PM

www.kingswoodumc.com/events

Girls Night Out (GNO) will be holding a Fall Cookie Decorating Class on **Tuesday, November 18**, from 7:00-8:30 in the Fireside Room at the Buffalo Grove Campus. Join Rebecca of Cookies by Gigi and learn how to turn cookies into edible works of art! The cost will be \$10 per cookie set; it includes 8 cookies and all supplies. We will provide step-by-step instructions, so it will be perfect for beginners! Please sign up by **Friday, November 14** to reserve your spot.

Carols and Cookies

Sunday, December 7
6:00 PM

Buffalo Grove Campus
www.kingswoodumc.com/events

What better way to celebrate our Advent and Christmas season than to sing, eat, and be merry? Join us on **Sunday, December 7**, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at our Buffalo Grove campus, where we'll have a festive Christmas carol sing-along with cookies, cocoa, and cider to follow. Wear your most festive attire and feel free to bring a friend!

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude	Michael Fritsch <i>Toccata in F</i> Buxtehude
Welcoming and Centering	Rev. James Preston
Children's Chimes	<i>Count on Me</i> by Bruno Mars
*Opening Hymn	<i>For All the Saints</i> Blue Hymnal #711 vvs. 1, 2, & 4
*Words of Gathering	Lani Vabulas
One: God calls us to join the great story of grace and hope!	
All: We come to celebrate the stories of all God's people!	
One: We rejoice in the stories of saints and sinners alike!	
All: God blesses each of our stories and calls us to joy!	
Opening Prayer (Unison)	
Loving God, we celebrate Your faithfulness even in times of betrayal and hardship. We confess that like Joseph's brothers, we sometimes let jealousy, anger, or pride guide our actions instead of love and forgiveness. Forgive us for hurting others and harboring resentment in our hearts. As we write a story of faith, may we trust You, seek reconciliation, and walk in humility and grace. Amen.	
Remembering the Saints	Rev. James Preston
Ministry of Music	Youth Praise Band <i>Our God Reigns</i> by Israel Houghton

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures	Genesis 37: 1-11
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.	
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.	
Song of Preparation	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> Blue Hymnal #369 v. 1
Sermon	Rev. James Preston <i>The Story of the Saints</i>
Anthem	Chancel Choir <i>In the Rising and the Setting Sun (We Remember Them)</i> by Mary Louise Bringle, Kate Williams, and James Biery

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
Offertory	Michael Fritsch <i>Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> Bradbury
Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. James Preston Black Hymnal Setting #2257 A-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	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i> Blue Hymnal #170
Announcements	Rev. James Preston
*Hymn of Sending Forth	<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i> Blue Hymnal #419
*Benediction	Rev. James Preston
Postlude	Michael Fritsch <i>Jesus Shall Reign</i> Hatton
*Stand as you are able.	
Liturgist: Lani Vabulas	
Scripture Reader: Jim Gibson	
Ushers: Alison and Paul Taylor	
Greeters: Linda Gorr and Beth Weeden	
Communion Servers: Sue Fujiu, Jim Miller, Kim Petersen, Brian Lichtenberger, and Kim Lichtenberger	
Communion Bread: Lisa Bischoff	

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Wendy Avner and Duane Tompkins In Memory of the 10 year anniversary of Jo-Ann Tompkins' passing.

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