

WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD CHURCH

BUFFALO GROVE | DEERFIELD

JANUARY 18, 2026



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Welcome to Kingswood as we begin our new sermon series, **Re-Shaped: What We're Made For**. Over the next four weeks, we will explore scriptures that call us to get animated and excited as we embrace change for our own lives, our families, our church, and the world. Change is a good thing, but we often are suspicious because change can bring challenges and new directions. Join us this Sunday as we explore Jeremiah 18 and his call to be shaped by God for change and new life. You were created for a purpose and recreated again for this moment in time. Are you ready to be stretched? Welcome to Kingswood!



It's that time of year again to beat the winter blues and turn up the heat with some chili!! Join us for Kingswood's 4th annual Chili Cook-Off on **Sunday, January 25**, in our Buffalo Grove Activity Center from 5 pm-6:30 pm. Come and eat for free, but donate to purchase voting ballots for your favorite chili; all donations will go to Kilmer Elementary for recess supplies. Do you want to compete and cook your best chili? Are you the winning chili cooker this year? Sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events!



Children are invited to join us for an exciting Parents' Night Out on **Friday, February 6** from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm for an evening packed with fun, games, crafts, and dinner for potty-trained preschoolers through 5th graders, all supervised by our Safe Sanctuaries-approved team. Youth, we need your help to run stations and care for the kids. Parents, please sign up by February 1 to reserve your spot; youth, no registration is required.



Valentine care package sponsorships are now available! Care Package Sunday is on **Sunday, February 8**. If you would like to support our Care Package Ministry by sponsoring one or more packages, please submit your payment by **Sunday, February 8** at www.kingswoodumc.com/give (specify Care Packages in dropdown). Care packages are \$40 each.



Newer to Kingswood and wondering about what makes us Kingswood? Join us for a one time session on **Thursday, February 12** where we cover all things Kingswood related, as well as some historical information about the United Methodist church in general. Attending this class does not commit you to membership in any way, but offers you deeper information as well as a better understanding of what our membership covenant is all about; this time together may very well help you know if membership feels like the right next step for you and/or your family. To sign up and learn more, please visit www.kingswoodumc.com/events.



Mark your calendars for Mardi Gras Sunday at both campuses on **Sunday, February 15**. Mardi Gras, meaning Fat Tuesday, is a time of great music, and rejoicing before the beginning of Lent, a season of confession and reflection beginning on Ash Wednesday. Join us for a morning of great joy, beads, Kings cake, and Dixieland music featuring special jazz bands at both campuses. Services are 9 am and 10:30 am at Buffalo Grove and 10:00 am at Deerfield.



Join us for an afternoon of lunch and learning as 60's Plus welcomes Pastor Daniel Cochran on **Thursday, January 29**. An art historian and professor, as well as Associate Pastor at Gary Church in Wheaton, Pastor Daniel regularly leads trips to Italy. He will share anecdotes about his trips, insight into early Christian art, and guide us in discovering ways we might encounter God today. A light lunch will be served at noon with the presentation at 1 pm. Sign up at www.kingswoodumc.com/events.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Centering Rev. James Preston

*Opening Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart*
Green Hymnal #3008

*Words of Gathering Eva Solanki

One: We were created for a purpose!

All: **Formed into something amazing and holy!**

One: Created for change and open to be stretched!

All: **God, reshape and recreate us now! Amen!**

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Creator God, you sit at the Potter's wheel and continue to fashion beautiful things. Open us to your ongoing re-shaping of our lives. Help us believe we are capable of change. Calm our fears and renew our spirits for this time of discovery. Amen.

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Song of Praise *Here I Am to Worship*
Green Hymnal #3177

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures *Jeremiah 18: 1-6*

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

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

Song of Preparation *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Blue Hymnal #382, vv. 1 & 2

Sermon Rev. James Preston
We Were Made for This!

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
Bless This Child
by Lew Gillis, arr. Shawn Kirchner

Announcements Rev. James Preston

*Closing Song *Change My Heart, O God*
Black Hymnal #2152

*Benediction Rev. James Preston

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Eva Solanki

Scripture Reader: Susan Kenski-Sroka

Ushers: Carl Ellis and Mike Schauer

Greeters: Carol Ellis, Jan Healy, and Susan Gordon

Musicians: Felicia Patton and Sue Fujiu

Elements of our worship have been adapted from Worship Design Studio and their Re-Shaped series.

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