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BUFFALO GROVE

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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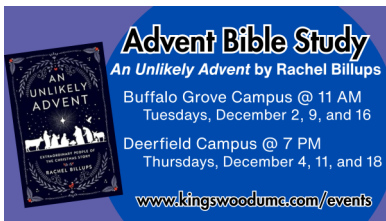


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Welcome to Kingswood on this First Sunday of Advent, a season of four weeks that prepares us for the birth and coming of Christ. The colors are purple and blue, representing royalty and confession. The Advent Wreath is a beautiful symbol, guiding us on this journey of hope, peace, joy, and love. Our sermon series is ***An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story***. Over these days, we will meet the various people who were part of the Christmas Story. Today, we meet Zechariah and Elizabeth as we begin this journey toward Bethlehem.



Join us for the Advent Bible Study as we journey through the book, *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups, and discover how God shows up in surprising, unexpected ways. Sign up today at www.kingswoodumc.com/events to prepare your heart for an Advent full of surprises!



Join us for Christmas Eve Services at both our campuses on **Wednesday, December 24**, as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Our Deerfield campus will host a child-friendly, blended service at 4:00 pm with carols, communion, and candles. Our Buffalo Grove campus will have services at 12:00 pm (carols, candles, and communion), 4:00 pm (Our Children, Youth, and Family Service), and our 10:00 pm formal service with string ensemble, soloists, carols, communion, and candles.



Join us on **Sunday, December 21** at 10:00 am at the Buffalo Grove campus for our annual Choral Advent Service: O Come, Emmanuel. We will have strings, guest singers, and reflections. You won't want to miss out on this service of healing, peace, and prayer. There will be no 9:00 am or 10:30 am service on this day.



Join us for our annual Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 16**, in the sanctuary of the Buffalo Grove campus. This special service helps those of us who find the holidays less than joyful due to loss and grief. Come and experience a quiet, thoughtful service with songs, candles, and prayers. All are welcome!



If you would like to sponsor Christmas poinsettias in honor, celebration, or remembrance of a loved one, please complete the online form at www.kingswoodumc.com/christmas-flowers and submit your payment by **Monday, December 15**. The suggested donation for an arrangement is \$25. The sponsors will be published in the Advent Service bulletins on **Sunday, December 21** at both campuses, with a list available in the following week.



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 BG 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

Welcome and Centering Rev. Pam Rossmiller

***Opening Song** *O Come All Ye Faithful*
by Frederick Oakeley, Jake Espy, John Francis Wade,
Grant Wall, and Dan Galbraith

***Words of Gathering** Donna Gavin
One: In this unlikely time, God's promise is made known!
All: We seek hope that rises in the shadows of loss!
One: We receive love that surprises and restores!
All: We experience joy that lights our way!
One: We open our hearts to peace that settles the chaos!
All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Change us in unlikely ways!

Opening Prayer (Unison)
Gracious and Faithful God, As Advent begins, we come like Zechariah and Elizabeth—waiting, hoping, longing for Your promises to unfold. When our prayers feel delayed, please speak words of hope to our hearts. Open our eyes to the signs of Your mercy, open our ears to the angel's whisper of good news, and open our lives to the surprising ways You choose to move. Amen.

Advent Wreath Blessing and Lighting Hardy Family

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

Song of Response *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
Blue Hymnal #229

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Song of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
by John Mason Neale, Kim Walker-Smith,
Dan Galbraith and Grant Wall

A Reading from the Gospel *Luke 1: 5-25*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song of Preparation *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*
Blue Hymnal #204

Sermon

Rev. Pam Rossmiller

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Intercession Lisa Bischoff

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 Lisa Bischoff

A Word about the Thanksgiving Offering Laura Baretz

Announcements Rev. Pam Rossmiller

***Closing Song** *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*
by Charles Wesley, Rita West Gernon, Rowland Hugh Prichard

***Benediction** Rev. Pam Rossmiller

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Donna Gavin
Scripture Reader: Jim Miller
Ushers: Mark Rohde and Mike Schauer
Greeters: Ruth Anderson, Jan Healy, John and Laura Klein
Director of Music Ministries: Felicia Patton
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