

Welcome to Kingswood Church

Deerfield

August 9, 2026



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Welcome to Kingswood Church as we continue our sermon series, ***We Are All From Come From Away!*** - based on scripture and the very popular musical, *Come From Away*. Join us for the next four weeks as we hear the powerful story of the people of Gander, Newfoundland, and their wide welcome to almost 7,000 people from planes diverted there on September 11, 2001. Initially a book, the story was made into a musical in 2015 and has become a beloved expression of hope and hospitality. Today, we begin by journeying deeper into the story as we hear how we are called to love and serve friends, neighbors, and strangers, hearing the powerful words of Leviticus and the Good Samaritan story. Welcome to Kingswood!



Our final Family Night Out of the summer will be next **Tuesday, August 11, beginning at 5:30 pm**. It's not too late to get in on the fun! A bounce house, service project, crafts, a delicious dinner, and homemade ice cream are just some of the highlights this week. Join us; bring a friend! Register at www.kingswoodumc.com/family-night-out.



Christian education never takes a vacation - but sometimes it moves to a cooler location! During August, our all-ages Sunday School will meet in the air-conditioned Nursery/Pre-School room on the main floor. We'll have our usual stories, videos, and activities. This is a perfect opportunity for some of our younger children to visit Sunday School and play alongside their older friends AND for any interested adults to discover what it might be like to serve in Sunday School. Come September, our Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will return to our usual gathering place on the lower level.



Our Back-to-School Sweet Celebration is on **Sunday, August 16** at all three services. Bring your backpack to help kick-off the school year with a special Backpack Blessing during worship! And make sure to join us for some free ice cream treats as we celebrate a great summer and look ahead to an amazing school year. All are welcome—bring your friends, family, and neighbors!



Join us for a worship service on **Sunday, September 6, at 10:00 am**, as we worship as one church together. We will gather at the Schlimmer Bandshell/Pavilion at Willow Stream Park in Buffalo Grove. The facility has a picnic shelter and bathrooms. We will have the U2 tribute band, *Without U2*, as special guests to lead our worship. Invite a friend and bring your own chair. After the service, the Welcoming and Connecting Team will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks. We invite everyone to bring cookies! The rain location will be at the Buffalo Grove campus.



Join a foursome for 18 holes of mini-golf on **Thursday, August 20, at 10:30 am** at Par King in Lincolnshire. We'll meet at the course and pay the \$14.00 fee there. After golf, we can all recount our amazing scores as we gather for lunch (on your own) at Olive Garden. Please register at www.kingswoodumc.com/events so we can plan well.



This event has been postponed to a new date: **Saturday, September 26**. We are collaborating with the First Presbyterian Church in Deerfield to help build an affordable house. The home is part of the Matthew Homes program of ReNew Communities, a not-for-profit organization whose focus is on revitalizing the city of North Chicago. By helping families own their own homes, we help bring stability to North Chicago, and we help the homeowners build a more secure future for their families. All levels of ability are welcome. There will be plenty of talented people to guide us in the work to be done.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Welcoming Video

Hymn of Response

Help Us Accept Each Other
Blue Hymnal #560

Prelude

Ron Arden

Morning Songs: Holy, Holy, Holy! & Morning Has Broken
arr. Paul A. Tate

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Welcoming and Centering

Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Opening Song

Who You Say I Am

by Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood, and Reuben Morgan

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.

*Words of Gathering

Dan Plath

One: Somewhere in between the pace of life and work

All: Something makes you stop and notice

One: And you're finally in the moment

All: Somewhere in the middle of nowhere

One: In the middle of who knows where

All: There you'll find God calling us to sacred community!(Adapted from *Come From Away - The Musical*)

Offering

Rev. Clayton Edwards

Musical Offering

Ron Arden

Reflection

by Todd Beaney

Opening Prayer

Welcoming God, remind us that every stranger is our neighbor, worthy of the same love, kindness, and dignity you have shown us. Open our hearts to practice courageous compassion, welcoming those in need with generosity and service. Inspire us to become a community where fear gives way to hospitality, differences become gifts, and your love is made known through our care for one another. Amen.

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

Announcements

Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Closing Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth
Blue Hymnal #92

*Benediction

Rev. Clayton Edwards

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist/Scripture Reader: Dan Plath**Ushers:** Steve and Judy Pemberton**Greeters:** Jerry and Sue Howard

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

A Reading from Hebrew Scriptures

Leviticus 19: 33-34

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 10: 33-37

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Black Hymnal #2223

Community Interview

Rev. Clayton Edwards,
Lynn Johnson, and Jennifer Keeney

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