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WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN
EPIPHANY & CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
JANUARY 4, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

ALL ARE ALWAYS'S WELCOME

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday & Celebration of the Lord's Supper

January 4, 2025

10:00am

Bold text: Spoken by all people +Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather Together Before God

Please prepare your hearts for worship.

Prelude

Three Epiphany Hymn Settings
Paul Manz

Jayne Latva (organ)

Welcome & Invocation

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!
The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word
unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of
salvation through the gospel!
O come, let us worship the Lord!

+Opening Hymn

All Hail to God's Anointed

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+Prayer of Praise for the New Year

Sharon Polakowski

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow,
we gather here this first Sunday of the New Year,
in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear,
excitement, and expectation.

We do not know what the year holds for us.
there are things we are afraid of:
worries about health and family, job security and finances.

There is much to look forward to –
weddings or anniversaries or baptisms,
holidays to enjoy, friends to laugh with.
Beloved Jesus, as we enter into this new year,
We pray for ourselves, each other,
and the journey that lies ahead.

**May I have the faith and insight of the Magi,
who, when faced with an ancient hope of a foreign people
and the appearance of a remarkable star,
grasped the connection, and went and followed that star.**

**I stand now at the border of a new year,
which is to me like an unknown country.
I don't know what I will experience as I traverse it;
I don't know what obstacles will lie across my path.**

**Lead me, like the Magi, on a quest
of faithfulness and worship,
of hopefulness and giving,
and always unto yourself. Amen.**

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response

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+God's Grace & Peace to Share

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

+Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

We Listen To God's Word

Prayer for Openness

Sharon Polakowski

First Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Worship through Music

Where Shepherds Lately Kneled
Carl Schalk

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Sermon

Journey Ahead

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Please come forward a row at a time by the center aisle to receive the Lord's Supper. Use the hand sanitizer, take a piece of bread (gluten-free) and a cup (juice), and return to your seat by the side aisle to partake. We will bring the elements to anyone who has difficulty walking.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in Your Mercy
Hear our prayer.

+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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Our Lives Together

+Closing Hymn

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

Let All Together Praise Our God
Paul Manz

Jayne Latva (organ)

Care Cards & Flowers

Please sign the **Care Card** for Bill Nelson.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Bev Schwabe
in gratitude for our many blessings.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Liturgist: Sharon Polakowski

Communion Servers: Ann Trower, Carrie Streiff-Stuessy

Deacons: Bob Krick, Beth Wilkinson, Kristen Shaw

ASL: Kayla Doll

Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Jayne Latva, Chancel Choir

Technical Team: Mike Flanders, Grant Geyer, Brian Hakes, Jim Halverson, Larry Hanlon, Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Bridget Lovell, Brian Lukecart, Austin Melrose, Steve Trower, Mark VanderKinter, Zariah VanderKinter, Kathryn Wagner.

The dedicated folks in the AV booth, led by Jim Halverson, manage in-person and livestream services for worship. Thank you for sharing your gifts! If you are interested in joining the team, please talk to Jim or email him at jim@tosapres.com.

We are grateful for your offerings! You can place them in the wooden box near the Sanctuary entrance or mail them to the office. To give online, go to tosapres.com/give or scan the QR code on the pew card. To set up ACH withdrawals, please contact the office. Thank you!



Welcome to Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

We're so happy you are here!

ACCESSIBILITY

An ASL interpreter is in worship with us every first Sunday of the month. If you need assistance hearing better in the sanctuary, please ask one of the Deacons to get you a listening device.

COMMUNION

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. The bread is gluten free and the cup is grape juice.

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages to worship with us in the sanctuary.

Child Care is provided each Sunday morning in our Crib Room. A friendly staff member is in the room from 9:30-11:30 am if you would like to drop off your little ones.

The **PrayGround** near the Chancel is open Sundays for children who want to be in worship. We encourage parents to sit in the front rows.

Busy bags are available (ask the Deacons for assistance) for children who prefer to sit with their parents during worship, and there is a **Cry Room** at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor Brett would love to meet you! Contact him with questions or just to introduce yourself:

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson, Pastor:
brett@tosapres.com

Grow

Bible Study & Classes

Sundays

Bible Study

9am with Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
(Meeting Room)

Sunday School

Pre-K through 5th grade meet weekly
at 9am in Knox Hall.

Adult Enrichment

Sundays after worship
Dates & Topics vary
See bulletin for announcement!

Second Sundays for Teens

Every 2nd Sunday
in the Calvin Room following worship

Wednesdays

Online Bible Study

10am & 7pm with
Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
(Zoom) Meeting ID: 890 4113 7566
Passcode: BIBLE

Announcements

Upcoming Events

2026 FLOWER CHART IS AVAILABLE

Sign up to sponsor Sunday flowers for 2026. When you sign up, you will receive a letter from the office with instructions for payment, flower choice, etc. Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary!

JANUARY 11: ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Join us on Sunday, January 11, when we welcome the new members of our church leadership during the Sunday worship service.

FEBRUARY 1: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & LUNCH

The Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church Session requests the attendance of all members to WPC's Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, February 1, following worship. We will receive the 2025 Annual Reports and reflect on the past year, review the 2026 budget, and look ahead to opportunities for the new year. Pastor Brett and members of the Session will be on hand to answer questions. Lunch will be provided.

Volunteer

EXTENDING THE TABLE:

SUPPORT THE TOSA FOOD PANTRY:

Bring your canned and boxed non-perishable food items and place them into the collection bin in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

TGIF GROUPS

Would you like to get to know people at TosaPres better? Sign up for TGIF Groups ! Contact Sharon Polakowski via email at spolakowski@gmail.com. Sign up in the Gathering Space!



Blood Drive

Monday
**January
26**

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and drink
plenty of water before
donating.

For eligibility questions
please call
877-232-4376

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church Blood Drive!

2366 N. 80th St.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

-Call 877-232-4376
-Visit [versiti.org/wi](https://www.versiti.org/wi)
-Or scan the QR code below

***Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!**

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets. Donating blood takes about an hour and has the potential to impact up to three lives.



 **versiti**
Blood Center of Wisconsin

Prayer List

Do you have prayer requests?

During "Prayers of the People" in the worship service, feel free to voice whatever prayer is on your mind and heart. You may also use the prayer box in the back of the Sanctuary. As a community, we pray for those experiencing life's transitions, residents of care facilities, those affected by illness, our students, support groups, medical professionals, those struggling with addiction, those incarcerated, the requests in our community prayer box, and the members and friends of this congregation.

Members

Doris Cigliana
Jay Costello
Penny Cotton
Katherine Dummer
Norma Jean Fernhaber
Brian Hakes
Doug Hamsher
John Krugler
Paul Malmstrom
Sarilee Maney
Bill Nelson
The Pagels Family
The Family of Barb Racioppo
Marge Rankin
Marge Wangemann

Family Concerns

Ava Paar Ellison
(Mike Paar's grand niece)
John Good
(Jennifer Good's father)
Barbara Johnston
(Joyce Kolda's niece)
Pauline & Jesse Kilhefner
(Susan Kilhefner's parents)
Irene Marconnet
(Ilene Marconnet's sister)
May Nicolaisen
(Fiona Nicolaisen's mother)
Bill Reynolds
(brother-in-law of the Wehnes family)
Colleen Powers
(Sue Volkman and Al Correa's son's fiancé)
Josephine & Henry Sbai
(Jamie Grasso's family)
Rich & Marilyn Walters
(Melissa Fularczyk's parents)

Friends of WPC

Abby & Joseph
(friends of Leigh Anne and Mark Fraley)
Gerlinde
(Petra Kolo's friend)
Don Andress
(friend of Deb and Tom Bergeson-Graham)
Barb Blazek
(Lucia Bravo-Bakemeyer's friend)
Cynthia Gebhardt & son Austin
(WPC Crib Room staff member)
Jonathan, Ali & Stella
(friends of Julie Guckenberger)
Craig Holdmann
(Barb Guyer's cousin's husband and a good friend of Sarilee Maney)
Katie Kison
(Forward Scholars staff member)
Eric McCaffee
(friend of the Bakemeyers)
Margie
(Beth Pyritz's friend)
Kristine and Karl Prohaska
(Julie Badciong's parents)
Rita Nelson and family
(Kristen Shaw's friend)
Scott Polacek
(friend of Deb and Tom Bergeson-Graham)
Vanessa
(Penny Cotton's caregiver)



To add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

Winter FARMERS MARKET

*All are
welcome*

Sunday, February 22nd
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
2366 N. 80th Street, Milwaukee, WI

Products include

Gluten-free Breads
Sweet Breads
Eggs
Meat
Preserves
Salsa
Mushrooms
Soaps
Honey
Apples
Syrups
Cider
Oats
Granola

*Freewill donation
accepted to
support the work of*

Join us for Brunch & Fellowship!

Locally-sourced meal including:

*Ben's Baked Apple Pancake,
Buttermilk Pancakes, Eggs,
Sausage, Yogurt & Granola*

Brunch Cost: \$10 Adults/ **\$5** for 13
& under



For more info about FFFN:



**Food, Faith and
Farming Network**
Connecting Community, Land, and People

This Winter Farmers Market, hosted by **Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church**, is a project sponsored by **Food, Faith and Farming Network**, a non-profit organization promoting local sustainable food and supporting Wisconsin farmers since the 1980s.

All Hail to God's Anointed

(Psalm 72)



1 All hail to God's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.



All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,
 Be - fore you on the moun-tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.





to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in your sight.
and righ-teous-ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with-out end.



Sing Out, My Soul

Magnificat

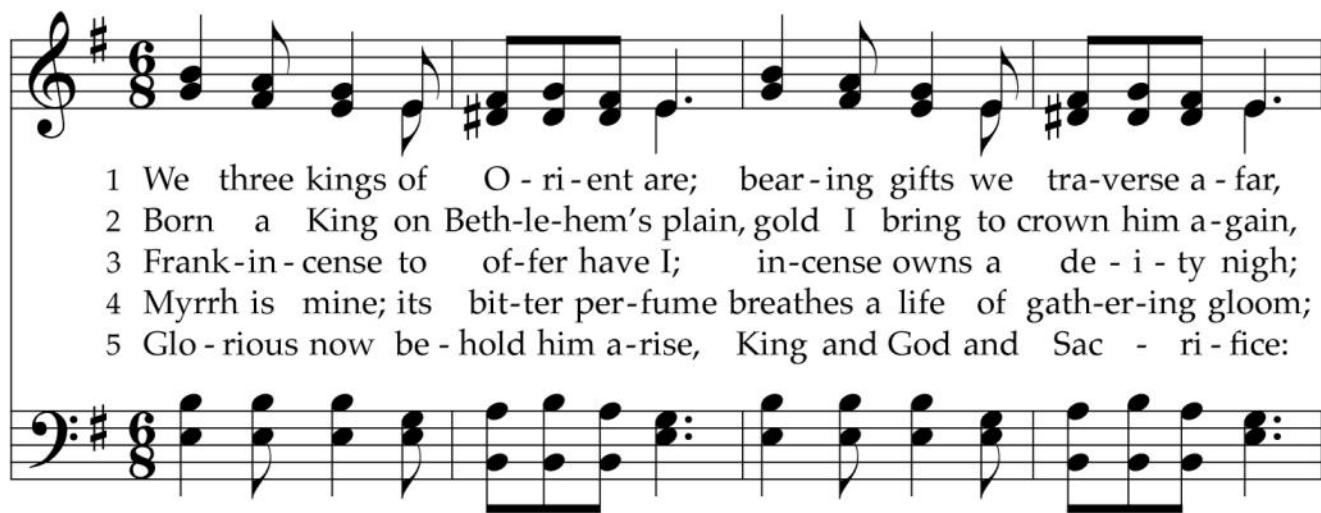
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G C D7 G (chords continue)

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Sing out, my soul. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Sing out, my soul. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God! Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)

D Bm A D G D A D G



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now full - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)

D A D G D A



love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)

Bm E7 A D G D Em



sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)

A D A D G A D



ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

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We are a community through Christ and in Christ

reaching out to the greater Milwaukee community and God's world.

We open our doors to all persons

to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, service, and justice.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ,

without regard to race, ethnicity, ability, gender identity,
sexual orientation, or any worldly condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God

and committed to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

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Clerk of Session: Stephen Hudson-Mairet

Treasurer: Scott Bentley

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Kim Christianson, Anne Coulling, Barb Guyer, Joyce Hakes, Colman Hanlon (Youth),
Jen Knapp (Moderator), Bob Krick, Andrew Luke, Olivia Luke, Anthony Madison,
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Beth Wilkinson



PCUSA Earth Care
Congregation



Sign Language Interpreter
(1st Sunday of each month)



Listening System
Available



Accessible