

# WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY  
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS  
JANUARY 11, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

ALL ARE *ALWAYS* WELCOME

# Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

## Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 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                      *To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ*                      Jayne Latva (organ)  
Dieterich Buxtehude

Welcome & Invocation    Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

+Opening Hymn                      *Take Me to the Water*                      #480

+Seeking God's Grace    Pam Weisser

**Beloved God, at the waters of the Jordan  
you named Jesus your Son and declared him beloved.  
Yet we confess that we forget who we are and whose we are.  
Though we have been claimed in the waters of baptism,  
we resist the work of renewal.**

**We turn inward instead of toward you, cling to fear instead of trust,  
and live as though your light were not meant to shine through us.**

**We confess that we step away from the waters that give life,  
choosing comfort over faithfulness and self-interest over service.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Pour your baptismal waters over us again - wash us clean, restore our joy,  
and remind us that we are your beloved children.**

**By your Spirit, lead us back into lives of trust,  
humility, and faithful witness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response                      *As the Deer*                      #626

+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

Pam Weisser

First Reading

Psalm 29

Worship through Music

*Washed Anew*  
Chancel Choir

Thomas Keesecker

Second Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Sermon

Who Hears God's Voice?

## We Respond to God's Word

+Hymn of Response

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

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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.**

Installation of Officers

Our Lives Together

+Closing Hymn

*Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*

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+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

*Toccata*  
Gilbert M. Marti

Jayne Latva (organ)

# Care Cards & Flowers

Please sign the **Care Card** for the Riggle family.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Katherine Dummer  
in loving memory of her father Earl Jorgenson.

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## Thank you for serving today!

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

**Liturgist:** Pam Weisser

**Deacons:** Ann Trower, Mark VanderKinter

**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 Lukehart, 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](mailto:jim@tosapres.com).*

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*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](https://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](mailto: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: 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.

### **JANUARY 18: SESSION RETREAT 2026**

All members of session are invited to stay for the session retreat Sunday, January 18, from noon to 3pm in Fellowship Hall.

### **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.

### **SAVE THE DATE: WINTER FRAMERS MARKET RETURNS TO TOSAPRES ON FEBRUARY 22!**

Come share the warmth and brighten your spirits at the Winters Farmers Market event at Wauwatosa Presbyterian, on Sunday, February 22 from 9am to noon.

## Volunteer

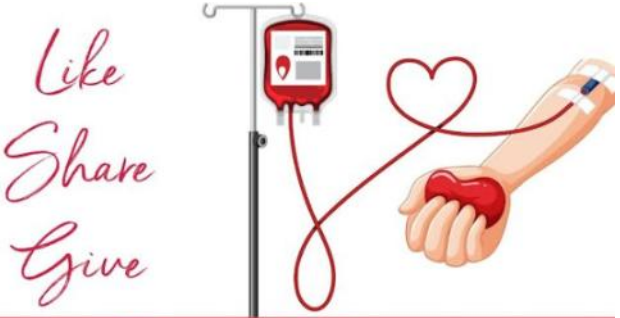
### **EXTENDING THE TABLE:**

### **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](mailto:spolakowski@gmail.com).



*Like  
Share  
Give*

## **Blood Drive**

<p>Monday <b>January 26</b> 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM</p> <p><b>Helpful tip:</b> Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.</p> <p>For eligibility questions please call 877-232-4376</p>	<p><b>Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church Blood Drive!</b></p> <p>2366 N. 80<sup>th</sup> St. Wauwatosa, WI 53213</p> <p>APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED -Call 877-232-4376 -Visit <a href="https://www.versiti.org/wi">versiti.org/wi</a> -Or scan the QR code below</p> <p>*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!</p> <p>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.</p>  
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# 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**  
**Dean Muehlius**  
**Bill Nelson**  
**The Pagels Family**  
**The Family of Barb Racioppo**  
**Marge Rankin**  
**The Riggle Family**  
**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 & Marilynn 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)*  
**Rita Nelson and family**  
*(Kristen Shaw's friend)*  
**Scott Polacek**  
*(friend of Deb and Tom Bergeson-Graham)*  
**Jennifer Skeeel**  
*(Heidi Sjostrom's friend)*  
**Vanessa**  
*(Penny Cotton's caregiver)*



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

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## Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -  
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -  
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -  
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.  
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.  
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.



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## As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.  
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone  
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Chords: D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D, G, A7, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, Asus, A7, D, Bm, Bm/A, G, D/F#, G, Bm, Em, F#sus, F#, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D.

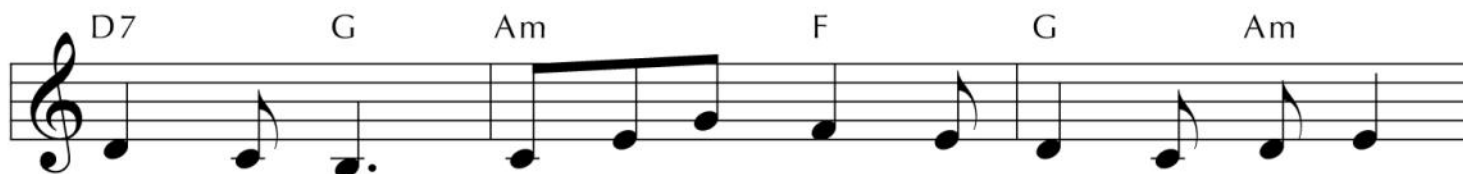
# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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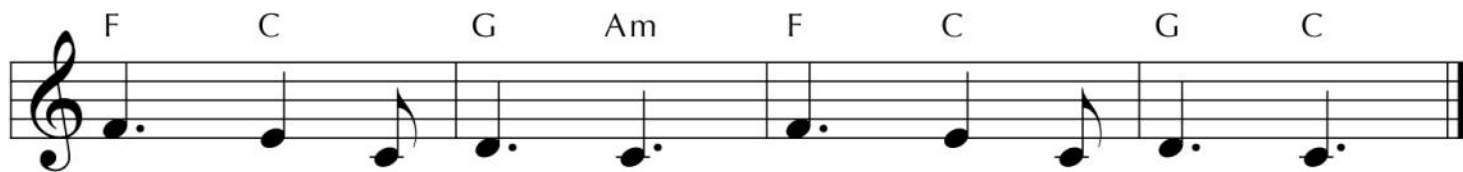
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

# Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9) (D/A) (A9) (Dsus)(D)  
C9 F/C C9 Fsus F

1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road-ways a strang-er trav-eled on  
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav-ens torn;  
3 We too have found a road-way; it led us to this place.

(A9) (D/A) (G) (F#m)  
C9 F/C Bb Am

from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John.  
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm) (F#m) (Gmaj7) (F#m7) (Em) (A/C#)(Bsus)(Bm)  
Dm Am Bbmaj7 Am7 Gm C/E Dsus Dm

He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
The ho - ly dove de-scend-ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (Asus)(A7) (D)  
Bb F/A Gm7 Bb/C Csus C7 F

but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
"You are my own, my cho-sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

# WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

## Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson (ext. 102, brett@tosapres.com)

**Visitation Associate:** Rev. Dr. Debbie Pagels (debbie@tosapres.com)

**Office Manager:** Micha Gibbons (ext. 101, officemgr@tosapres.com)

**Office Assistant:** Cindy Thomas (ext. 100, tosapres@tosapres.com, Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm)

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**Organist:** Jayne Latva

**AV Lead Technician:** Jim Halverson (jim@tosapres.com)

**Custodian:** Gary Hodel (ext. 105, gary@tosapres.com)

**Crib Room Staff:** Cynthia Gebhardt & Amanda Miller

**Curiosity Corner PreSchool (ccnstosa.com):** Jane Pfaff (ext. 108, ccnstosa2366@gmail.com)

## Session

**Adult Enrichment:** Pam Weisser

**Building & Grounds:** Steve Trower & Mike Harvey

**Christian Education:** Mary Pluta

**Fellowship:** Sharon Polakowski

**Finance:** Brian Hakes & Vince Racioppo

**Memorial:** Jennifer Good

**Mission:** Angela Madison

**Nominating:** Kevin Sjostrom

**Personnel:** Don Weinberg

**Stewardship:** Denise Fried

**Worship:** Heidi Hudson-Mairet

**Clerk of Session:** Susan Kilhefner

**Treasurer:** Scott Bentley

## Deacons

Kim Christianson, Anne Coulling, Barb Guyer, Joyce Hakes, Colman Hanlon (Youth), Jen Knapp (Moderator), Bob Krick, Andrew Luke, Olivia Luke, Anthony Madison, Diane Melrose, Marc Raygoza, Kristen Shaw, Anne Trower, Mark VanderKinter, Sue Westby, Beth Wilkinson



PCUSA Earth Care  
Congregation



Sign Language Interpreter  
(1st Sunday of each month)



Listening System  
Available



Accessible