

“So often, we hear stories about the first person to do something: the innovators, the pioneers, the ones who move us forward. But rarely is there a whisper for the last person to carry on a tradition, or a pause to look back and consider how these rites have shaped us and the places we come from.”

Eliot Stein, *Custodians of Wonder* (2024)

WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN

AUGUST 24, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

August 24, 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.

Gathering Songs	<i>Come, Worship God</i>	#386
	<i>Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God</i>	#849

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Hear, O people: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

We will love the Lord with heart, soul, and strength.

Hold fast to the faith passed down,
taught at home, remembered in scripture.

**We give thanks for those who
taught us and shaped our faith.**

Let us worship the God who speaks across generations.

**We come with grateful hearts to remember,
to learn, and to praise!**

+Song of Praise	<i>The Lord Is God</i>	#63
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+Seeking God's Grace	Don Weinberg
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+Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of every generation,
you have spoken to us through prophets,
teachers, and the pages of scripture.**

**You have called us to love you with heart, soul, and strength,
and to teach your ways to our children.**

But we confess that we have not always honored what we have received.

We forget the stories that shaped us.

We neglect to pass on the truth of your love.

We grow weary of your word and distracted from your call.

Forgive us, O God.

**Renew in us a deep gratitude for the faith we have inherited,
and help us live it with integrity, so that future generations may come to
know your goodness and grace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

+Response	<i>Love the Lord Your God</i>	#62
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+God's Grace & Peace to Share

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

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

Don Weinberg

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Worship Through Music

This is My Father's World
Chancel Ringers

Tammy Waldrop

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:5 & 3:14-15

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Sermon

Modern Parables: The Rarest Pasta in the World

We Respond to God

+Hymn of Response

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

#488

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Lord, in Your Mercy:
Hear our prayer.

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Lives Together

+Closing Song

Bless All Who Trust in God

#47

+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

Sun Dance
Jayne Latva (organ)

Bob Chilcott

Care Cards & Flowers

Please sign the **Care Card** for Nicole McCarty.

Today's **Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Michelle and Ben Anderson in celebration of his parents' 57th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Liturgist: Don Weinberg

Deacons: Barb Guyer, Joyce Hakes

Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Jayne Latva, Chancel Ringers

Praise Band: Don Weinberg, Larry Hanlon, Jim Guckenberg,
Mark Weisser, Paul Nuccio

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.

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

Sunday Bible Study for Adults, Sunday School for Pre-K through 5th Grade, and Wednesday's Zoom Bible study sessions with Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson are on summer break!

Our Sunday groups will resume on Rally Day, September 7, 2025!

Adult Enrichment

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

Wednesdays Online Bible Study

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



Announcements

LABOR DAY - Monday, September 1
The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

SIT'N KNIT'N - KNITTING GROUP

Attention knitters: our monthly meetings resume on Tuesday, September 2 at 10:30am in the meeting room. New knitters are always welcome! Yarn will be provided. Questions?

Contact Jacque Swanson at 414-539-7564.

RALLY DAY - Sunday, September 7

We're kicking off the 2025-2026 program year with joy, gratitude, and celebration! Come at 9am for the start of Sunday School for all ages, then join us at 10am for worship and the celebration of Communion as we give thanks for the goodness of God's love surrounding us. Stay after worship for our much-loved Rally Day picnic filled with food, fellowship, and fun for all!

5th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 6, 3pm-5pm

The Virlees will have various Oktoberfest beers for sampling as well as non-alcoholic beverages. The event will be held at the Virlee's home at 2733 Oakcrest Dr, Waukesha, WI. If you'd like to rideshare, please call the church office. Please bring an appetizer to share. Cheers! To RSVP, reach out to todd.virlee@gmail.com.

QUILTER'S QUEST 20th ANNIVERSARY

In September, Quilters' Quest will celebrate their 20th anniversary. We will celebrate this special occasion with the congregation on Sunday, September 28 - with cake! Our biweekly meetings return on September 11 at 10:00am in the meeting room, every second and fourth Thursday.

Volunteer

WANTED: SUMMER MOWING HEROES

Help keep our church lawn looking good for the summer! There are just a few spots left to fill! Sign up here: <https://shorturl.at/SzRs3>
THANK YOU!

GARDENERS WANTED!

The **Memorial Gardeners** meet on Mondays at 4pm throughout the summer. Join us! No experience necessary. Bring garden gloves and hydration. **Questions?**
Call Sue Volkman at 414-531-0741.

EXTENDING THE TABLE: THE TOSA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

Our vulnerable neighbors depend on our generosity and it's an easy yet impactful way to serve our community each week. Bring your canned and boxed items and place them into the collection bin in the Gathering Space. A wish list of pantry items can be found on tosapres.com.
Thank you!

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
Barb Racioppo
Marge Rankin
Marge Wangemann

Family Concerns

Ava Paar Ellison
(Mike Paar's grand niece)
John Good
(Jennifer Good's father)
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's)
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

Don Andress
(Deb & Tom Bergeson-Graham's friend)
Gerlinde
(Petra Kolo's friend)
Barb Blazek
(Lucia Bravo-Bakemeyer's friend)
Cynthia Gebhardt & son Austin
(WPC Crib Room staff member)
Katie Kison
(Forward Scholars staff member)
Eric McCaffee
(friend of the Bakemeyers)
Margie
(Beth Pyritz's friend)
Vanessa
(Penny Cotton's caregiver)



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

September 7th

All Are Always Welcome

Rally Day

Sunday School
kick-off &
Annual Picnic
After worship

Notes & Thoughts:

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Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor-ship God, who is wor- thy of hon- or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun- tains;
 3 We are your peo- ple, the sheep of your pas- ture;
 4 Now let us lis- ten, for you speak a- mong us;

en- ter God's pres- ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak- er, and to you we pray.
 o- pen our hearts to re- ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo- ple's sal- va- tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad- ly we kneel in o- be- dience be- fore you;
 Peace be to all who re- mem- ber your good- ness,

to whom our ju- bi- lant prais- es be- long.
 God a- bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor- ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re- joice in your way!

849 Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

하나님의 사랑을 사모하는 자

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (Em)
F B \flat F Gm



Ev - ery - one who longs for the bound - less love of God,
Ev - ery - one who wor - ships God and sings glad songs of praise,
하 나 님 의 사 랑 을 사 모 하 는 자
하 나 님 께 찬 양 과 경 배 하 는 자

(C) (Am) (D)
E \flat Cm F



ev - ery - one who hopes for the com - ing of God's peace,
ev - ery - one who fol - lows God's good and ho - ly way,
하 나 님 의 평 안 을 바 라 보 는 자
하 나 님 의 선 하 심 을 닦 아 가 는 자

(Em) (Am) (D) (G)
Gm Cm F B \flat



the Lord God who cre - at - ed all things beau - ti - ful and good
너 의 모 든 것 창 조 하 신 우 리 주 님 이

1
(Am) (D)
Cm F



loves you more than you can ev - er ful - ly know.
너 를 얼 마 나 사 랑 하 시 는 지

2
(Am) (D7) (G) (D) (G) (C) (D)
Cm F7 B \flat F B \flat E \flat F



now as one of God's own. God is al - ways watch - ing
자 녀 삼 으 셧 네 하 나 님 사 랑 의



o - ver you, God is watch-ing you with lov - ing eyes.
 눈 으 로 너 를 어 느 때 나 바 라 보 시 고



God is hear - ing you in all your prayers; God is
 하 나 님 인 자 한 귀 로 써 언 제



lis - ten - ing with ten - der, lov - ing ears. God shines light in
 나 너 에 게 기 울 이 시 니 어 두 움 에



ev - ery dark and fear - ful place we go and will an - swer ev - ery lit - tle
 밝 은 빛 을 비 춰 주 시 고 너 의 작 은 신 음 에 도



cry that you make, so wher - ev - er you may go fol - low
 응 답 하 시 니 너 는 어 느 곳 에 있 든 지



in God's ho - ly way and trust God to take you home.
 주 를 향 하 고 주 만 바 라 볼 찌 라



home, and trust God to take you home.
 라 주 만 바 라 볼 찌 라

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise




to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.



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Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E



Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E



Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

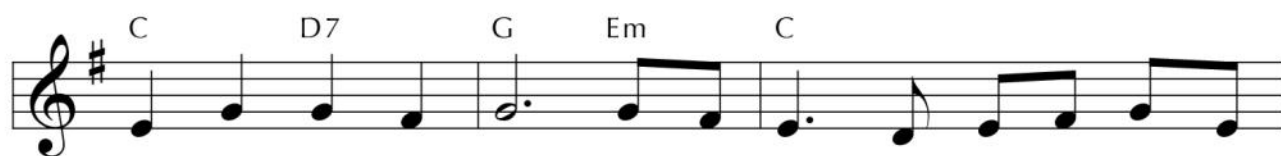
488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Bless All Who Trust in God

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(Psalm 128)



1 Bless all who trust in God and walk with - in God's ways;
2 Let fam - i - lies be strong and spar - kle bright as wine;
3 And since we may not boast such joys are ours by right,



bless ev - ery soul whose hap - pi - ness springs from the Lord's own praise!
let part - ners and let chil - dren thrive and flour - ish like the vine!
teach us, good Lord, to take your gifts with thanks and with de - light.



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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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Beth Wilkinson



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Sign Language Interpreter
(1st Sunday of each month)



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