GOD KEEPS PROPERTY OF THE SERVICE OF THE BREAK

WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 – 10:00 A.M. WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS WITH A CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM ALL ARE *ALWAYS* WELCOME

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

September 21, 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 in B Flat Major J.S. Bach

Martha Brown (organ)

Welcome & Invocation Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

+Opening Hymn From the Rising of the Sun #670

Celebration of New Members & the Sacrament of Baptism

+Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Statement of Welcome

We welcome you as members of this congregation, inspired and invested in the ministry we all share. You are beloved, and your presence here is a gift!

May God bless these new relationships and our common call as agents of God's mercy and the abundance of the world!

+Response Lead Me, Guide Me #740

+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 Paul Bargren

First Reading Genesis 27:1-13

Worship Through Music God Be in My Head John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Second Reading Genesis 27:15-23 Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Sermon God Keeps Promises We Break

We Respond to God

+Hymn of Response There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #435

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

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

Mission Highlight & Prayer of Dedication

+Closing Hymn God Is My Strong Salvation #841

+Benediction Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Michael Burkhardt

Martha Brown (organ)

Care Cards & Flowers

Please sign the **Care Card** for the family of Bill O'Loughlin.

Today's **Flowers** are given by Mike and Lola Nelson to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson Liturgist: Paul Bargren

Deacons: Anthony Madison, Bob Krick **Musicians:** Nicole McCarty, Chancel Choir

Guest Organist: Martha Brown

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

HARVEST TIME IS HERE!

Come harvest green and wax beans, cukes, Swiss chard, and tomatoes from the garden near the entry sidewalk. Bring a bag for gathering and a cutting tool for the Swiss chard. Check each week for new items and enjoy!

QUILTER'S QUEST 20th ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 28

Quilters' Quest will celebrate their 20th anniversary with the congregation on Sunday, September 28 with cake!

Join us for our biweekly meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the meeting room at church.

CAN THEY DO IT?

The Pk-5th grade Sunday School class is helping out with the Food Drive. We thought they might be able to collect 100 pounds of food! After two weeks, they've brought in more than 80 pounds and decided to challenge themselves to reach 149 pounds. Check out the stash of food on the Knox Hall Stage!

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

October 12: Church Vision Potluck Lunch

October 16: Over 55s Magic Show & Lunch (sign-up in Gathering Space)

October 25: "Taste of Uganda" fundraiser dinner by Grandmothers Beyond Borders



MONTH OF FOOD DRIVE FOR HUNGER TASK FORCE

From **September 7 to October 5** we will collect non-perishable food items at church, and donate them to the Hunger Task Force.

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 bins at all entrances to church or donate online at www.tosapres.com/give. Thank you!

FLOOD RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS Volunteers are still urgently needed in a variety of areas!

If you are interested in volunteering with flood recovery efforts, please contact Marilyn Stone, Chair of the Presbytery of Milwaukees's Disaster Preparedness & Response Task Force, by email at mmstone52@att.net.

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)

The Family of Carol Flanders

(Mike Flanders' mom)

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 & Marilynn Walters (Melissa Fularczyk's parents) Friends of WPC

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)

The family of Lavina Jadwhani

(Bradley Halverson's friend)

Rita Nelson and family

(Kristen Shaw's friend)

The family of Bill O'Loughlin **Scott Polacek**

(friend of Deb and Tom

Bergeson-Graham)

Vanessa

(Penny Cotton's caregiver)

Zainab Waheed & her mother

(Kate Pluta's friend)



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

From the Rising of the Sun

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Lead Me, Guide Me



435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 1 There's a the wide - ness wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the love of God broad - er than the mea - sures 2 For is the sea. There's kind - ness God's jus - tice, of a in the mind. And the heart of the ter - nal more than lib - er - ty. There is which is no place where earth's most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but felt than up heaven. There is are more in sor - rows we would glad - ly trust God's Word, faith - ful, and our lives rejudg - ment given. where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly good - ness our Lord. thanks-giv - ing for of

God Is My Strong Salvation 841

(Psalm 27)



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear? 2 Place on the Lord re - li - ance; my soul, with cour-age wait;



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near. God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, when faint and des - o - late.



Though hosts en-camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand; God's might thy heart shall strength-en; God's love thy joy in-crease;



what ter-ror can con-found me, with God at my right hand? mer-cy thy days shall length-en; the Lord will give thee peace.

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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:** Cindy Thomas (ext. 101, officemgr@tosapres.com) Office Assistant: Micha Gibbons (ext. 100, tosapres@tosapres.com)

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Curiosity Corner PreSchool (ccnstosa.com): Jane Pfaff (ext. 108)

(ccnstosa2366@gmail.com)

Session

Adult Enrichment: Barbara Racioppo

Building & Grounds: Steve Trower & Mike Harvey

Christian Education: Mary Pluta Fellowship: Sharon Polakówski

Finance: Brian Hakes & Vince Racioppo

Memorial: Jennifer Good

Mission: Kristen Crump **Nominating:** Kevin Sjöstrom **Personnel:** Don Weinberg **Stewardship:** Denise Fried

Worship: Heidi Hudson-Mairet

Clerk of Session: Stephen Hudson-Mairet **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





Sign Language Interpreter (1st Sunday of each month)



Listening System Available



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