



WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

# Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

November 16, 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

*Meditation*

Jayne Latva (organ)

Gabriel Dupont

*Choral varie*

Gabriel Garbet

Welcome & Invocation

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

For the Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

+Opening Hymn

*God is Here Today*  
(sung twice)

#411

+Seeking God's Grace

Elizabeth Bargren

+Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
you have blessed us beyond measure,  
and yet we confess that we often live  
as though we are empty-handed.  
You have poured out your love,  
but we have not always shared that love with others.  
You have shown us grace again and again,  
but we have been slow to forgive and quick to judge.  
You have given us every reason to be thankful,  
yet our hearts are restless and our gratitude faint.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Turn our hearts toward your goodness,  
and teach us to live in the joy of your steadfast love,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response

*I Depend upon Your Faithfulness*

#831

+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

Elizabeth Bargren

First Reading

Psalm 130

Worship Through Music

*O Light of Life*  
by Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Rev. Dr. Debbie Pagels

Sermon

## **We Respond to God**

+Hymn of Response

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

#407

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

Moment for Mission

+Closing Hymn

*O Lord, Our Lord*

#613

+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

*Fanfare from 'La Peri'*  
Paul Dukas

Jayne Latva (organ)



*Celebrate  
Advent &  
Christmas  
with us  
at  
TosaPres*

Alternative Christmas Market  
Sunday, November 23 at 10am

Hanging of the Greens & Dinner  
Saturday, November 29 at 2pm

First Sunday of Advent Worship  
Sunday, November 30 at 10am

Thursday Night Live  
Thursday, December 4, 11 & 18 at 5:45pm

Concert: MKE Mandolin Orchestra  
Saturday, December 6 at 7pm

Second Sunday of Advent Worship  
& Communion  
Sunday, December 7 at 10am

Concert: Collegium Ladys  
Friday, December 12 at 7pm

Concert: Sacra Nova Chorale  
Saturday, December 13 at 3pm

Third Sunday of Advent Worship  
Congregational Meeting to elect officers  
Poinsettia Pick-Up  
Sunday, December 14 at 10am

Longest Night/ Blue Christmas  
Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm

TosaPres Chancel Choir  
Christmas Cantata  
Sunday, December 21 at 10am

Christmas Eve  
Family Service at 4pm & Candlelight Worship at 8pm +  
Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Hymn Sing  
Sunday, December 28 at 10am



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tosapres.com

## Care Cards & Flowers

Please sign the **Care Card** for Katherine Dummer.

Today's **Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Mark and Sharon Polakowski in memory of their mothers Dorothy Polakowski and Carol Tagg.

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## Thank you for serving today!

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

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Debbie Pagels

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Bargren

**Deacons:** Barb Guyer, Diane Melrose

**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



## **RISE UP AGAINST HUNGER! BE PART OF OUR \$5,000 GIVING CHALLENGE**

In response to the current government shutdown and the anticipated shortages at local food pantries, the Mission Committee invites the *TosaPres* congregation to contribute toward a goal of \$5,000 or more for a collective donation to the Hunger Task Force by December 16.

## **Upcoming Events**

**TODAY: PACKERS GAME PIZZA PARTY:**  
Come, join the party in Fellowship Hall at noon!

**NOVEMBER 18: MILWAUKEE MUSAIK  
CONCERT:** See page 9 for more information.  
Use Discount Code TOSAPRES50 to receive  
50% off!

**NOVEMBER 22: FREE MCW ORCHESTRA  
& JAZZ COLLECTIVE CONCERT :** "Spirit of the  
Season" - see page 10 for more info!

**NOVEMBER 23: ALTERNATIVE  
CHRISTMAS MARKET:** Join us on Sunday,  
November 23 for a different kind of Christmas  
shopping.

## **Volunteer**

**EXTENDING THE TABLE: SUPPORT  
THE TOSA FOOD PANTRY:** Bring your  
canned and boxed non-perishable food  
items and place them into the collec-  
tion bin in the Gathering Space. Thank  
you!

**DIVINE INTERVENTION**  
Winter is right around the corner and  
so is Tippecanoe Church's Divine  
Intervention ministry! Are you  
interested in helping to provide hot  
meals for those in need? Please  
contact Kristen Shaw at 360-270-9113  
(text or call) for more details. Pick-up  
and drop-off options are available.

**TGIF GROUPS**  
Would you like to get to know people at  
TosaPres better? Sign up for TGIF  
Groups ! TGIF is an informal gathering  
one Friday evening a month from  
6:30pm to 9pm at the home of a WPC  
member. Attendees bring a snack and  
beverage to share – the host provides  
the setting. Contact Sharon Polakowski  
via email at [spolakowski@gmail.com](mailto:spolakowski@gmail.com).

# 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)*  
**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'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

**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)*  
**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.





# ***THURS DAY Night Live***

**DECEMBER 4, 11 & 18**

**6:00-6:30pm Dinner is served!**

**Gluten free and vegan options available.**

**\$7/adults, \$5/kids, \$20/family**

**6:30-7:30pm Advent Program for All Ages**

**Sign up in the Gathering Space or register online at  
[www.tosapres.com](http://www.tosapres.com)**



# CONCERTS AT TOSAPRES

**MILWAUKEE MUSAIK**  
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

**RESILIENCE IN SILENCE**  
ECHOES OF MEMORY AND SURVIVAL


**Violins of Hope**  
Wisconsin  
Presented by Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO)

**SCHULHOFF: CONCERTINO**  
**LIGETI: SIX BAGATELLES**  
**WILLIAMS: THREE PIECES FROM "SCHINDLER'S LIST"**  
**WEINBERG: CHAMBER SYMPHONY NO. 4**  
Milwaukee Musaik Chamber Orchestra  
Alexander Mandl - conductor

**NOV 18**  
7:00pm

**WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
2366 N. 80TH STREET  
WAUWATOSA, WI 53213

**TICKETS AND DETAILS: MILWAUKEEMUSAIK.ORG**  
Milwaukee Musaik | Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra Inc. 501(c)(3)




MCW Orchestra & Jazz Collective  
Present  
*Spirit of the Season*

**FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
**NOV | 22 | 3:00**

**Free Admission**  
Donations Accepted in Support of MCW  
Orchestra + Jazz Collective and the  
Wauwatosa West High School Music and  
Theater Dept

Use Discount Code **TOSAPRES50** to receive 50% off your Milwaukee Musaik tickets!

**MILWAUKEE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA**




**125TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**


**FEATURING ROBIN PLUER!**  
LET'S DO IT  
WHITE CHRISTMAS  
AND SELECTIONS FROM THE EARLY 1900S!

**SATURDAY DEC 6 2025 AT 7PM**  
**WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN**  
**WAUWATOSA, WI**

**2025**  
**1900**



**The Collegium Ladies**  
**A Ceremony Of Carols**




**Ann Lobotzke, harp**  
**Elizabeth Green, piano**  
**Jenny Gettel, director**

Featuring music by  
Britten, Praetorius, Holst, Hildegard, Gjeilo, Arntz, Arnesen

**Friday December 5 - 7:00 pm**  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
7845 N. River Rd, River Hills

**Friday December 12 - 7:00 pm**  
Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church  
2366 N. 80th St, Wauwatosa

**Suggested Donation \$20**  
collegiumladies.com





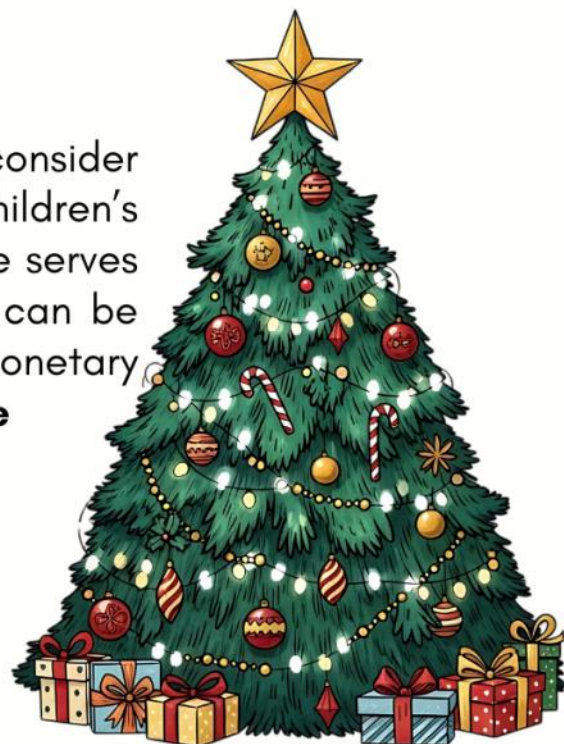
# Mitten Tree Donations

## Now Through December 7

While you are out shopping this holiday season, consider picking up a few items for the Ernest Glenn Children's Toy Store at Christ Presbyterian Church. The store serves local children through age 12. Unwrapped gifts can be left by the Mitten Tree in the Gathering Space. Monetary donations can be made via **check made payable**

**to Christ Presbyterian Church**, designated to the Children's Christmas Toy Store.

Suggested donation items (new and unwrapped) include: **Toys and Games, Coloring Books, Crayons, Markers, Stuffed Animals, School Supplies, Dolls of Color, Toy Cars & Trucks, Puzzles, Hats, Gloves and Scarves**





# God Is Here Today

411

*Dios está aquí*

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)  
E B7 C#m E7 A



God is here to - day; as cer - tain  
*Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el*

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)  
B7 E E7 A



as the air I breathe, as cer - tain  
*ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo*

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)  
B7 E B/D# C#m E/B



as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as  
*la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan*

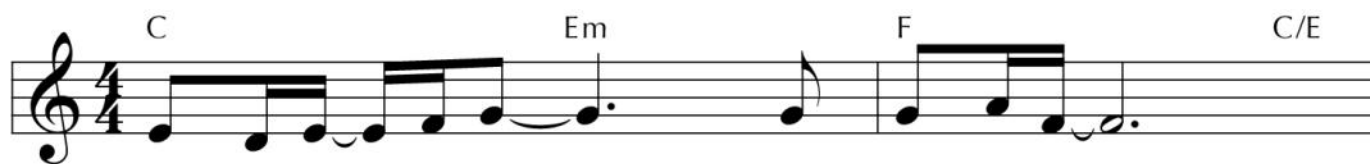
(G) (A7) (D)  
A B7 E



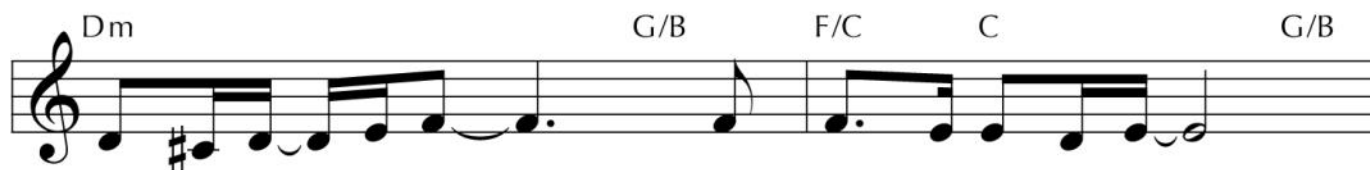
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.  
*cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.*

# I Depend upon Your Faithfulness 831

*Tu fidelidad*



I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.  
*Tu fi - de - li - dad es gran - de,*



I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.  
*tu fi - de - li - dad in - com - pa - ra - ble es.*

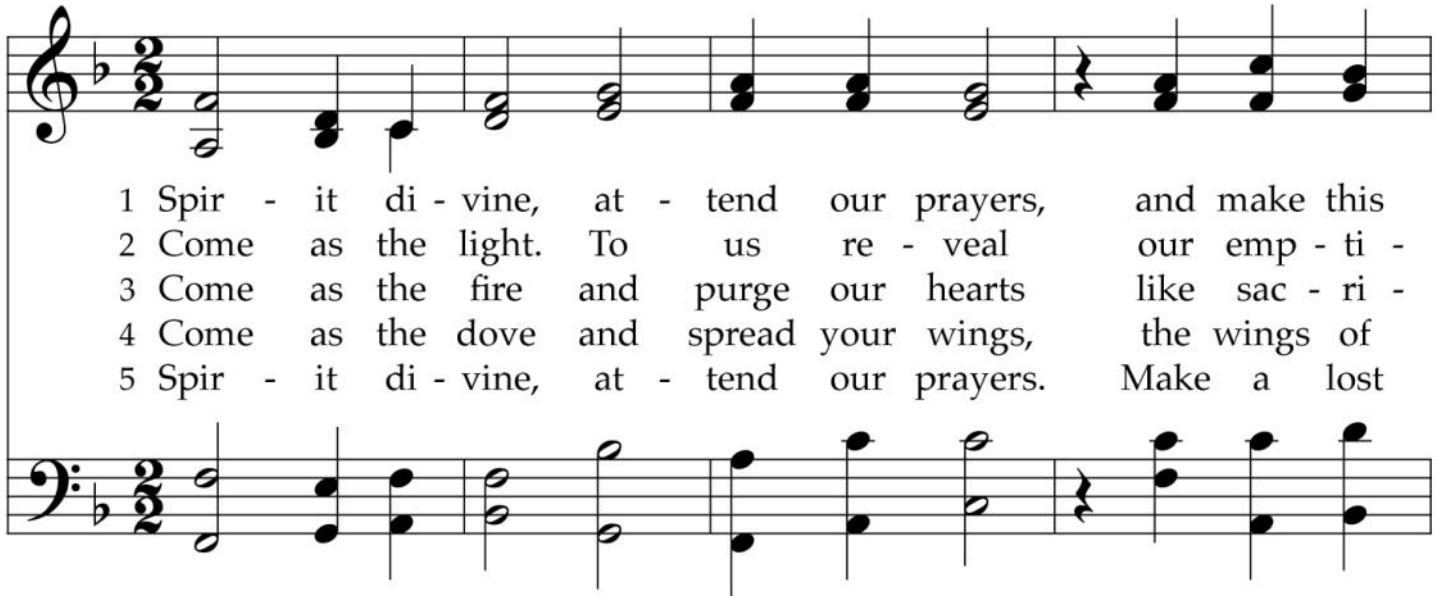


None com - pares with you, O bless - ed One;  
*Na - die co - mo tú, ben - di - to Dios.*



O how great your faith - ful - ness.  
*Gran - de tu fi - de - li - dad.*

# Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers 407



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this  
 2 Come as the light. To us re - veal our emp - ti -  
 3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri -  
 4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of  
 5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers. Make a lost



house your home. De - scend with all your  
 ness and woe. And lead us in those  
 fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an  
 peace - ful love. And let the church on  
 world your home. De - scend with all your



gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!  
 paths of life where all the righ - teous go.  
 of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's name.  
 earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.  
 gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!



613

# O Lord, Our Lord

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the

The first system of the musical score is written in 2/2 time. The treble staff begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody starts on a whole note, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a first ending bracket labeled '1' and a second ending bracket labeled '2'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with 'O' often placed on a whole note.

Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name: Prince of Peace, might-y

The third system features a key change to two sharps (F# and C#). The melody continues with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass staff maintains a steady accompaniment.

God; O Lord God Al-might-y.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The melody features a long, flowing line with a final cadence. The bass staff provides a solid harmonic foundation, ending with a final chord.

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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](mailto:brett@tosapres.com))

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

**Office Manager:** Cindy Thomas (ext. 101, [officemgr@tosapres.com](mailto:officemgr@tosapres.com))

**Office Assistant:** Micha Gibbons (ext. 100, [tosapres@tosapres.com](mailto:tosapres@tosapres.com))

**Director of Music:** Nicole McCarty ([nicole@tosapres.com](mailto:nicole@tosapres.com))

**Organist:** Jayne Latva

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

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

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

**Curiosity Corner PreSchool ([ccnstosa.com](http://ccnstosa.com)):** Jane Pfaff (ext. 108)  
([ccnstosa2366@gmail.com](mailto:ccnstosa2366@gmail.com))

## Session

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

**Christian Education:** Mary Pluta

**Fellowship:** Sharon Polakowski

**Finance:** Brian Hakes & Vince Racioppo

**Memorial:** Jennifer Good

**Mission:** Kristen Crump

**Nominating:** Kevin Sjostrom

**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



PCUSA Earth Care  
Congregation



Sign Language Interpreter  
(1st Sunday of each month)



Listening System  
Available



Accessible