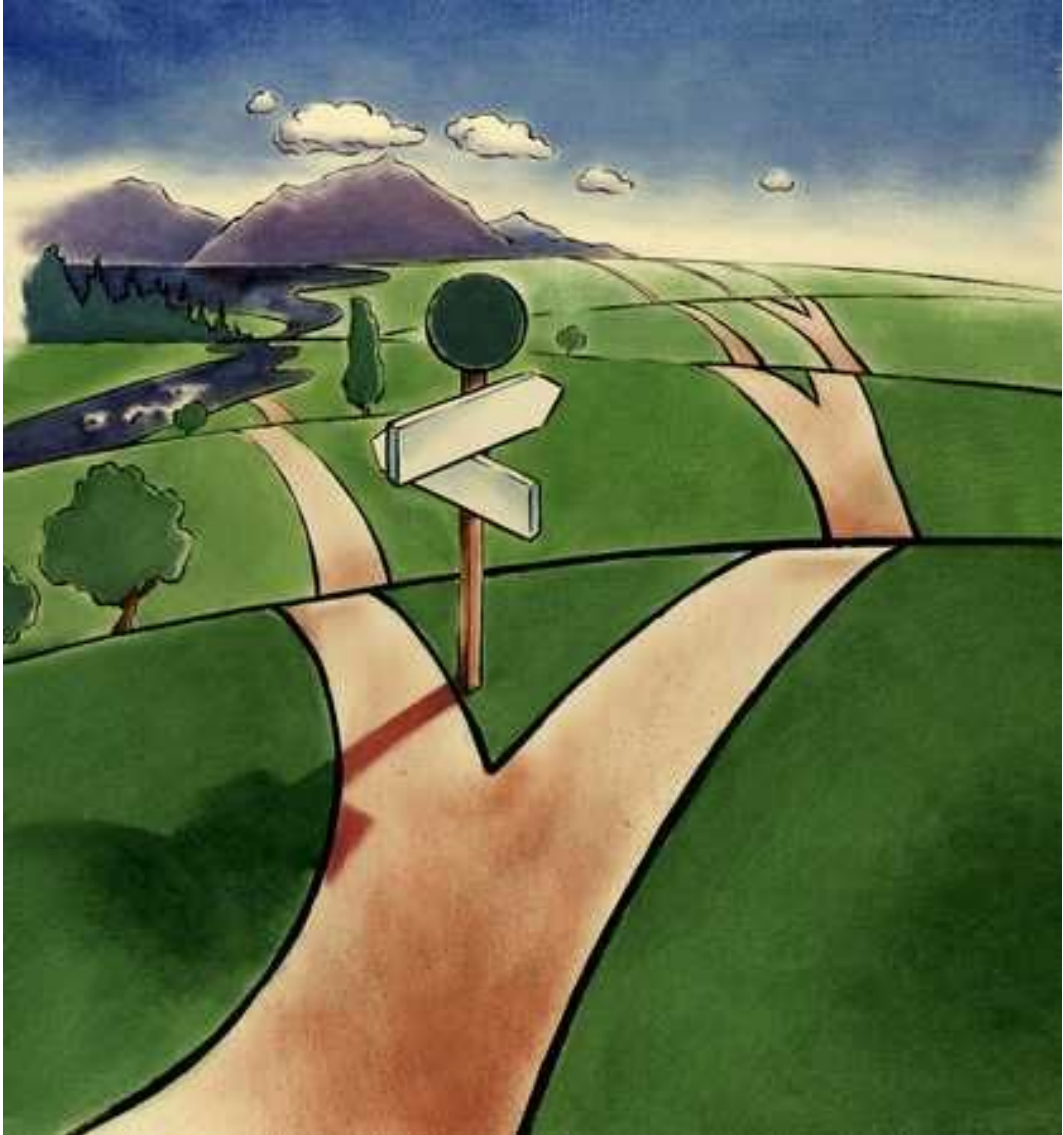




WAUWATOSA **PRESBYTERIAN**

OCTOBER 11, 2026

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in the Season of Stewardship

October 11, 2026 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 Pieces on Chant Melodies
by Jacques Berthier
Kevin Sjostrom, flute; Beth Wilkinson, oboe
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Welcome & Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

God calls us into covenant
and shows us how to live together.

**We gather to receive God's wisdom
and walk in God's love.**

At the forks in life's road,
God's commandments guide our steps.

**We seek the way that honors God
and nurtures peace with our neighbors.**

May our worship renew our faith and guide our living.

+Opening Hymn

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made

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+Seeking God's Grace

Carrie & Sabrina Streiff-Stuessy

+Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

you give us your commandments to guide us toward life together.

Yet we confess that we often mistake our own desires for your wisdom.

**At the forks in the road, we choose what is familiar or convenient
without considering where it leads or whom it affects.**

**We speak before listening, judge before understanding,
and hurry past the rest you invite us to receive.**

Forgive us when our choices strain the bonds of community.

**Renew our trust in your guidance, and teach us to honor you in our words,
our actions, and our care for all you have entrusted to us.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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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

Carrie & Sabrina Streiff-Stuessy

First Reading

Exodus 19:3-11

Worship through Music

On Eagle's Wings

Chancel Choir

Arranged by Mark Hayes

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Second Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Sermon

Fork in the Road

We Respond To God's Word

Hymn of Response

Spirit, Open My Heart

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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 Stewardship - Member Reflection

Susan Kilhefner

+Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

Ave Maris Stella [Hail, Star of the Sea]
by Jacques Berthier
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Care Card & Flowers

Please sign the Care Card for Julie Badciong.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Michelle and Ben Anderson in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Liturgists: Carrie Streiff-Stuessy, Sabrina Streiff-Stuessy

Deacons: Marc VanderKinter, Marc Raygoza

Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Jayne Latva, Chancel Choir

Technical Team: Jim Crump, Mike Flanders, Grant Geyer, Brian Hakes, Jim Halverson, Larry Hanlon, Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Bridget Lovell, Brian Lukehart, Austin Melrose, Steve Trower, Mark 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 9:30am -11:30am 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 help) for children who prefer to sit with their parents during worship, and there is a **Cry Room** at the back of the sanctuary where you can comfortably follow the worship service if your little one gets restless.

PEW PADS

Pew pads are located at the end of the pews and we encourage you to sign them, to update your contact info and to subscribe to the newsletter and weekly emails. Pass them down the row and back again to get to know your neighbors!

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

Adult Enrichment

October 11

A special presentation about the family history and the Holocaust by the Simon Sisters

October 18

We are having one more discussion of The Nine Asks on Sunday October 18 following worship in the Meeting Room

November 8

Learn about energy efficiency opportunities available to us via "Faith In Place"

Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9am

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



Announcements

Today

OCTOBER 11 - ADULT ENRICHMENT

Join us today after worship for a special presentation in the Fellowship Hall. The Simon Sisters will tell us the story of their grandmother and how events of the Holocaust have influenced subsequent generations. Please join us for this powerful presentation. Lunch included. ASL services will be available.

All are welcome, even if you didn't have a chance to sign up!

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 18 - ADULT ENRICHMENT

We are having one more discussion of The Nine Asks on Sunday October 18 following worship in the Meeting Room.

OCTOBER 24: "TASTE OF UGANDA"

Fundraiser dinner by Grandmothers Beyond Borders. \$40 per person
Visit <https://grandmothersbeyond.org/>

OCTOBER 25 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY - STEWARDSHIP Q&A

Join us for a Stewardship Q&A after the worship service. Bring your questions! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will dedicate a portion of our worship to our Service of Remembrance. If you would like your loved one included, please send their name, dates, and photo to micha@tosapres.com no later than Friday, October 23.

NOVEMBER 22 - ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Save the date and join us for TosaPres' Annual Alternative Christmas Market event.

Volunteer

EXTENDING THE TABLE:

Support the Tosa Food Pantry - in October we will collect:
October 11 - peanut butter and jelly
October 18 - canned soups
October 25 - pasta and sauce
Thank you

WANTED: TGIF HOSTS

TGIF is going strong and looking for hosts for the coming months! A heartfelt thank you to all who opened their homes so far. We are now looking for hosts for the following dates:
November 13 and December 11.
Contact Sharon Polakowski at spolakowski@gmail.com to claim a date!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Our worship services are brought to life by the dedication of our church members. Sign up online at www.tosapres.com/worship/serving-in-worship or contact Heidi Hudson-Mairet at hhudsonmairet@wi.rr.com for info about serving as **liturgist and/or communion server**. Interested in serving as a **Deacon**? Contact Jen Knapp at jen@infercabulary.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

Jay Costello
Penny Cotton
Katherine Dummer
Norma Jean Fernhaber
Audrey Gilg
Brian Hakes
Doug Hamsher
Paul Malmstrom
Sarilee Maney
Bill Nelson
Lola Nelson
Mike Nelson
The Pagels Family
Marge Wangemann

Family Concerns

Brad and Joy
(parents of Jane and Grant Geyer)
Cory
(Kim Christianson's son)
Barbara Johnston
(Joyce Kolda's niece)
Pauline & Jesse Kilhefner
(Susan Kilhefner's parents)
James Lawrence
(Mike Nelson's brother-in-law)
Irene Marconnet
(Ilene Marconnet's sister)
Robin Muller
(Rose Mary and Dean Muller's daughter)
May Nicolaisen
(Fiona Nicolaisen's mother)
Bill Reynolds
(brother-in-law of the Wehnes family)

Friends of WPC

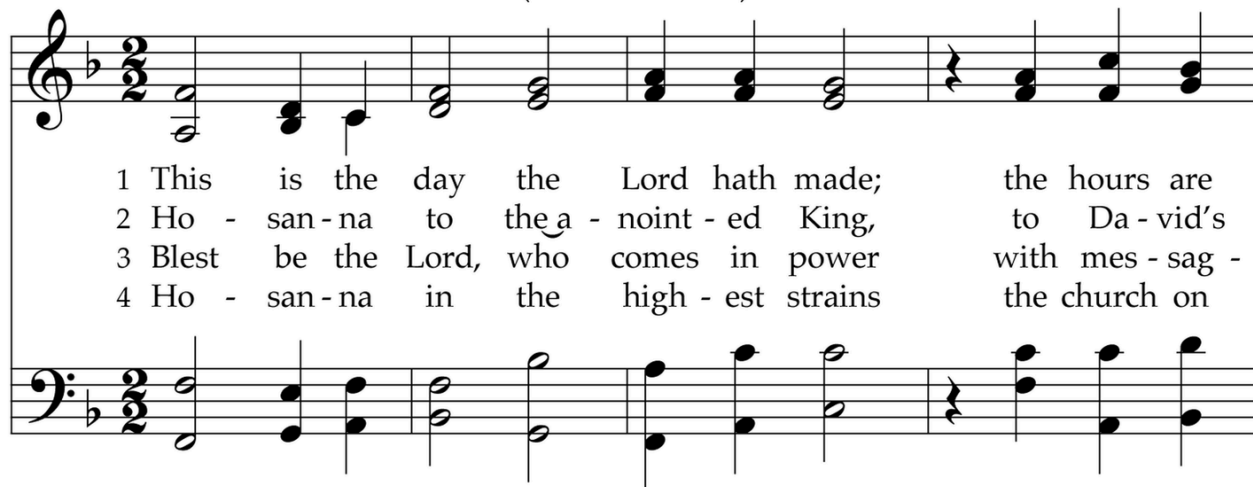
Don Andress
(friend of Deb Bergeson-Graham)
Gerlinde
(Petra Kolo's friend)
Barb Blazek
(Lucia Bravo-Bakemeyer's friend)
Cynthia Gebhardt & son Austin
(WPC Crib Room staff member)
Jonathan, Ali & Stella
(friends of Julie Guckenberger)
Jody Jossie
(Cathy Caughey's friend)
Katie Kison
(Forward Scholars staff member)
Eric McCaffee
(friend of the Bakemeyers)
Chad Mateske
(Joyce Kolda's friend)
Rita Nelson and family
(Kristen Shaw's friend)
Patricia
(friend of Deb Bergeson-Graham)
Karl Prohaska
(Julie Badciong's father)
Brigitte Seidel
(Micha Gibbons' mother)
Vanessa
(Penny Cotton's caregiver)



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

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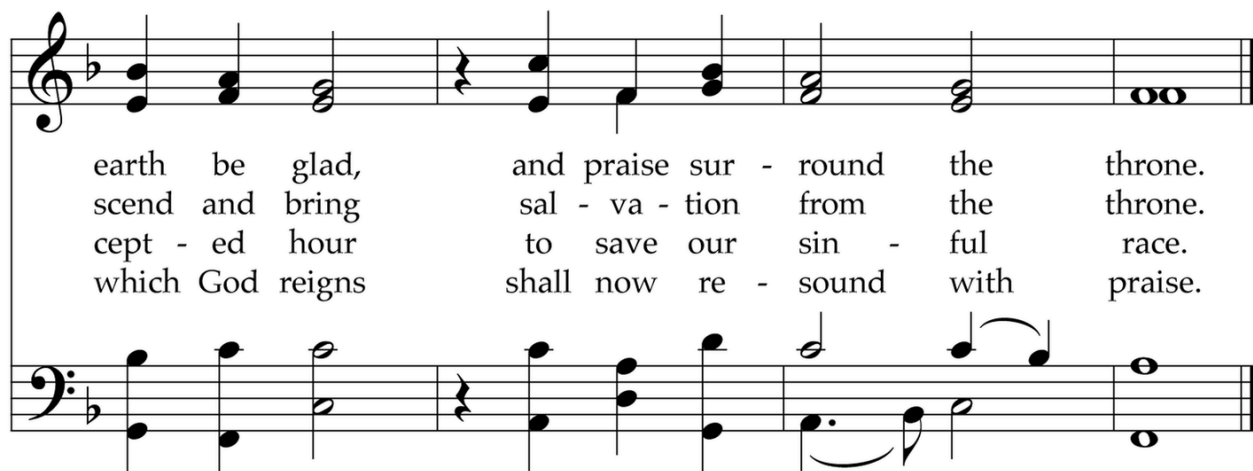
(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace, who comes in this ac -
earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)

Dm

Gm

Dm

F

Am

Dm



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for-giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re-sent-ment cease.

(F)

(Em)

(C)

(Dm)

(Em)(Am)

Bb

Am

F

Gm

Am Dm



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B $\flat$ C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B $\flat$ Gm7 F B $\flat$ F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$ C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

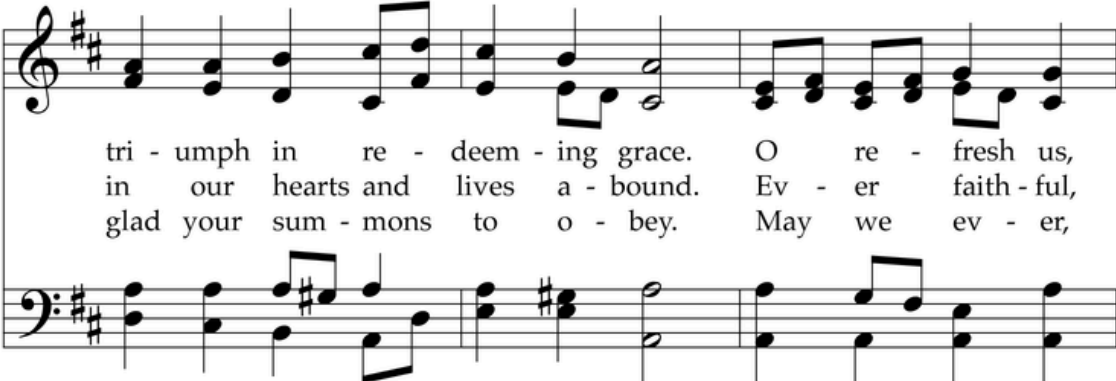
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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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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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Mission: Angela Madison

Nominating: Kevin Sjostrom

Personnel: Don Weinberg

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