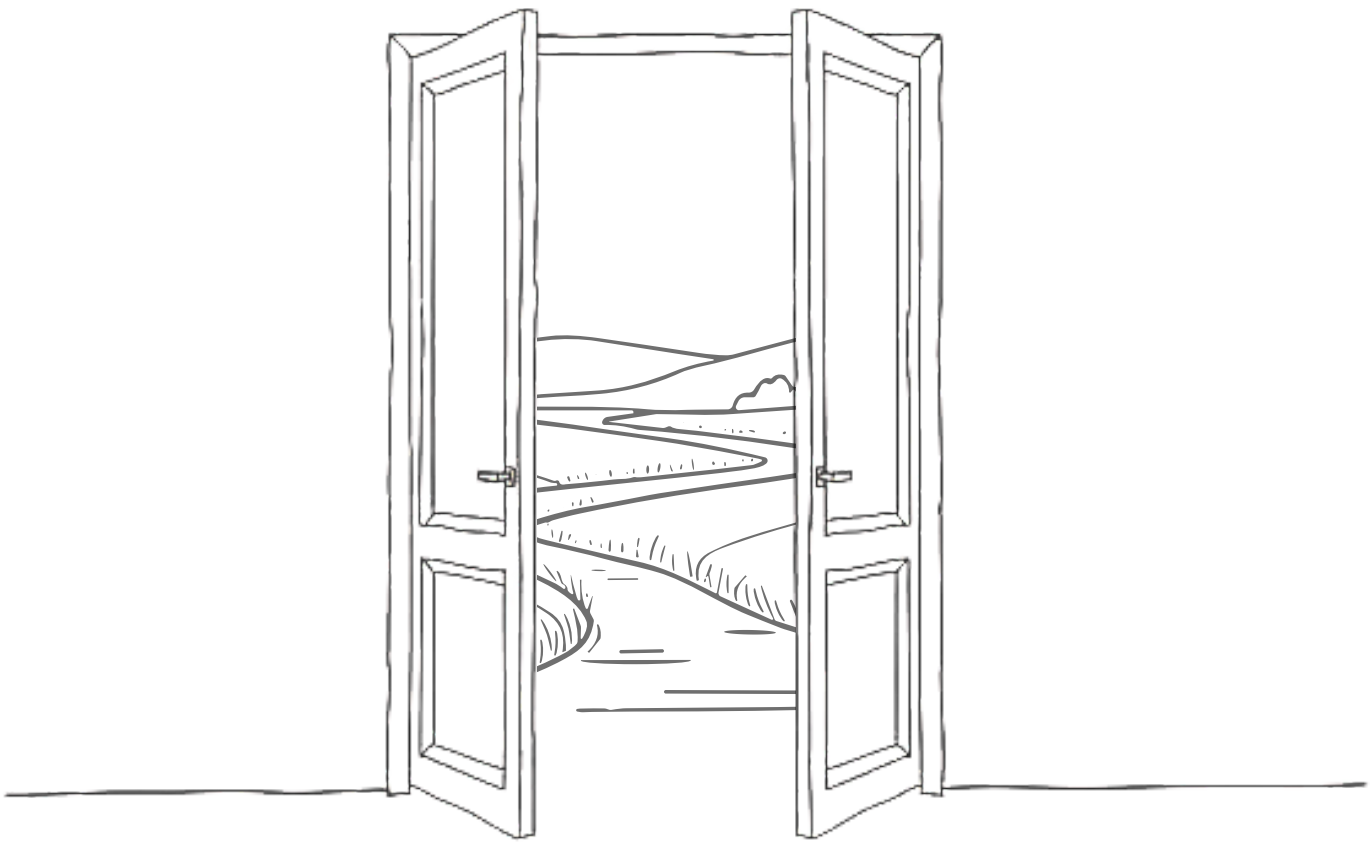




Open Doors & Opening Doors

**WAUWATOSA
PRESBYTERIAN
COMMITMENT SUNDAY ON
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 25, 2026

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Commitment Sunday

on Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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 *Preludes on Old 100th* Jayne Latva
Johann Pachelbel, J.G. Walther, J.L. Krebs - Public Domain

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you."

**We come asking for the wisdom
to see what God has placed in our hands.**
When God invited Solomon to ask for a gift,
he chose wisdom over wealth.

**Teach us to seek understanding before
we seek more for ourselves.**

Solomon received wealth as well.
Wisdom helped him discern what it was for.

**Help us understand what we have, whom it can serve,
and what love asks of us.**

Let us worship the God who hears us when we ask
and guides us as we seek.

With grateful hearts, we open ourselves to God's wisdom.

+Opening Hymn *We Gather Together* #336

+Seeking God's Grace Denise Fried

+Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of wisdom and mercy,
we confess that we do not always listen well.**

**We hurry toward answers before we understand the questions.
We cling to what is familiar when you invite us to see in a new way.**

**We trust our own judgment and forget to seek your guidance.
Forgive us. Quiet our anxious thoughts, give us patience to listen,
and help us choose the path of wisdom even when it asks us to change.
Amen.**

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* #59, refrain only

+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

Denise Fried

First Reading Psalm 105:1-11

Worship through Music

Lead Me, Lord

Chancel Ringers

by Kevin McChesney

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Second Reading 1 Kings 3:4-15

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Sermon Wise Wealth

We Respond To God's Word

Hymn of Response *Seek Ye First*

#175

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.

Member Reflection with Bridget Lovell

Prayer of Dedication on Commitment Sunday

+Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#450

+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

Old 100th
J.C. Oley - Public Domain

Jayne Latva

Care Card & Flowers

Please sign the Get Well Card for Al Blake.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathy and John Breunissen in loving memory of their parents and sisters.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Liturgist: Denise Fried

Deacons: Anne Coulling, Olivia Luke

Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Jayne Latva, Chancel Ringers

Technical Team: Jim Crump, Mike Flanders, Grant Geyer, Brian Hakes, Jim Halverson, Larry Hanlon, Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Bridget Lovell, Brian Lukecart, 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

November 8

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

December 6 - NEW DATE!

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

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

Join us for cake after worship
in celebration of Commitment Sunday!

ADULT ENRICHMENT - STEWARDSHIP Q&A

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

Upcoming Events

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 Monday, October 26.

NOVEMBER 6 - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Let's watch a movie together! Join us for the family favorite "Princess Bride" on Friday, November 6, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and drinks will be provided and you can bring a snack or treat to share. All are welcome - feel free to invite your friends and neighbors! Please sign up in the Gathering Space so that we can get a headcount for the food.

NOVEMBER 7 - GARDEN CLEANUP DAY

Please join us on Saturday, November 7, from 9am until 11am as we prepare to close the garden for the year. Refuel and warm up with coffee and donuts! Please let Beth Virlee and Sue Volkman know if you can help.

NOVEMBER 14 - PACKERS PIZZA PARTY

Save the date for our second Packers Pizza Party starting at noon. Sign up in the Gathering Space!

NOVEMBER 22 - ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

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

Volunteer

EXTENDING THE TABLE:

Need ideas for what to donate?

October 25 - pasta and sauce

November 1 - canned protein

November 8 - canned fruit

November 15 - canned veggies

November 22 - cereal

November 29 - canned chili, stew

Thank you for your food donations!

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
The Kamermayer Family
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

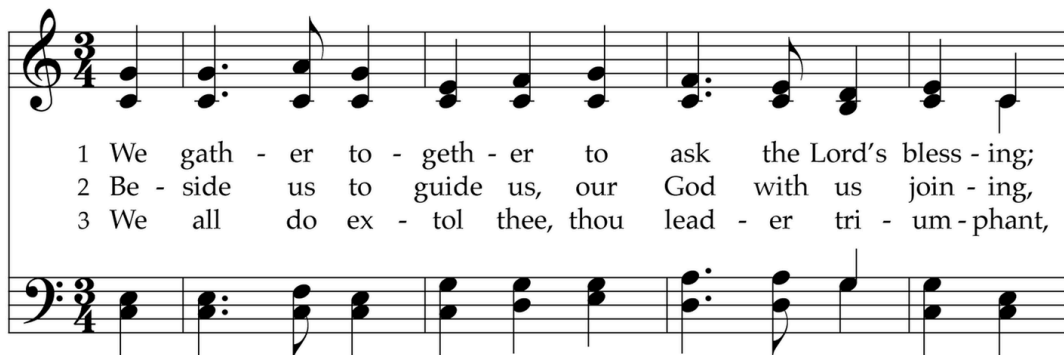
Gerlinde
(Petra Kolo's friend)
Barb Blazek
(Lucia Bravo-Bakemeyer's friend)
Cynthia Gebhardt & son Austin
(WPC Crib Room staff member)
Jonathan, Ali & Stella
(friends of Julie Guckenberger)
Jody Jossie
(Cathy Caughey's friend)
Katie Kison
(Forward Scholars staff member)
Eric McCaffee
(friend of the Bakemeyers)
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.

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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The Steadfast Love of the Lord

(Psalm 105)

Refrain Capo 1: (D) E^b (D/F[♯]) E^b/G (G) A^b (A7sus) B^b7sus (A) B^b

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's

(D) E^b (D/F[♯]) E^b/G (G) A^b (A7sus) B^b7sus (A7) B^b7

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are

(G) A^b (A) B^b (F[♯]m7) Gm7 (Bm7) Cm7 (Em7) Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your

(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C[♯]) (Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)

B^b7sus B^b7 E^b B^b/D Cm7 Fm7 B^b7sus B^b7 E^b

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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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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