



WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN

RALLY DAY 2026

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026, 10:00A.M.
ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

Rally Day 2026

September 13, 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

Variations on Kum Ba Yah

Jayne Latva

by John Behnke

Nearer to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father

by Brant Adams

Kevin Sjostrom, flute

Welcome & Invocation for Rally Day

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

+Opening Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

#396

+Seeking God's Grace

Joannie Weinberg

+Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
we confess that we are often slow to recognize
the ways you are at work among us.
We become discouraged when
progress is hard to measure.
We cling to what is familiar,
grow impatient with what is unfinished,
and miss the quiet signs of new life taking shape.
Forgive us when we lose curiosity,
when we stop expecting growth,
and when we forget that transformation often begins
before we are able to name it.
Give us patience for the journey,
courage for new beginnings,
and eyes attentive to the evidence of your grace.
Let us enter this new season together
ready to learn, ready to grow,
and ready to follow where you lead.
Amen.**

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

#285, vs 1

+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

Joannie Weinberg

First Reading

Genesis 6:11-22

Worship through Music

I Believe
by Mark Miller

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Genesis 8:6-12

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Homily

Where the Evidence Leads

We Respond To God's Word

Hymn of Response

O God Beyond All Praising

Sing The Faith #2009

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

+Closing Hymn

God of the Sparrow

#22

+Benediction

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude

Children of the Heavenly Father
by Aaron David Miller
Kevin Sjostrom, flute

Jayne Latva



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!

Care Card & Flowers

Please sign the Care Card for Warren Allen.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Beth & Bob Pyritz
in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Liturgist: Joannie Weinberg

Deacons: Ann Trower, Olivia Luke

Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Jayne Latva, Chancel Choir

Guest musician: Kevin Sjostrom

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.

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 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

Sundays

Sunday School for All Ages
9am

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Discussion of Conversation, Faith, and Friendship utilizing the book "The Nine Asks: Creating SAFER and More COURAGEOUS Spaces" by Kimberly Brazwell.

When: Sunday September 20,
following worship

Where: Meeting Room

Snacks and beverages will be
available.

Please sign up in the Gathering Space and contact Pam Weisser at pamweisser@earthlink.net / 414-708-0463 if you have any questions!

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

SEPTEMBER 13 - RALLY DAY & LUNCH

Join us today for Rally Day and the kick-off of our fall program schedule at WPC. Together we will "honor Our Past and look Towards Our Future". Learn more about the many ways you can get involved this year and join us for a shared luncheon celebrating the past, present, and future of WPC!

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 20 - ADULT ENRICHMENT

Join us for a discussion of Conversation, Faith, and Friendship utilizing the book "The Nine Asks: Creating SAFER and More COURAGEOUS Spaces" by Kimberly Brazwell in the meeting room on Sunday, September 20, following worship. Snacks and beverages will be available. Sign up in the Gathering Space and contact Pam Weisser at pamweisser@earthlink.net / 414-708-0463 if you have any questions!

SEPTEMBER 19 - 6TH OKTOBERFEST

from 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. Please bring an appetizer to share. Cheers! To RSVP, reach out to todd.virlee@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 27 - NEW MEMBER CLASS

You complete us! If you are interested in joining WPC as a member, **please contact the church office to sign up** for our next New Members Class & Luncheon on Sunday, September 27, following worship.

Volunteer

EXTENDING THE TABLE:

Support the Tosa Food Pantry - in September we will collect:
September 13 - dental hygiene
September 20 - beans
September 27 - canned veggies
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: Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 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.

6th Annual

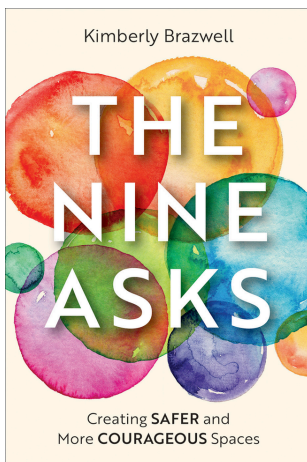
Oktoberfest

at the Virlee's

Saturday,
September 19
3pm - 5pm



ADULT ENRICHMENT UPDATE



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Weisser at pamweisser@earthlink.net / 414-708-0463 if you

have any questions! Let me know if you would like a book in

advance so you can review the materials before the discussion.

UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

October 11 - A special presentation about the history of the Simon Sisters

November 8 - Learn about energy efficiency opportunities available to us via "Faith In Place"

Over 55s

A David HB Drake Production

"American Songbag"

A musical walk through America's rich history

Thursday, October 1 at 1:00pm

\$8 per Person - dress in red, white & blue!

Sign up in the Gathering Space



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
Brian Hakes
Doug Hamsher
Paul Malmstrom
Sarilee Maney
Bill Nelson
Mike Nelson
The Pagels Family
Marge Wangemann

Family Concerns

Ava Paar Ellison
(Mike Paar's grand niece)
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)
Colleen Powers
(Sue Volkman and Al Correa's son's fiancé)

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.

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.



285 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Capo 3: (G/A) (D) (A) (D/F#) (E7)
B $\flat$ /C F C F/A G7

1 Like the mur-mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
2 To the mem-bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of

(A) (Em) (B)
C Gm D

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

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

new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

O God Beyond All Praising

2009



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we



day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may



songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly
serve you as our king; and whe-ther our to-



won-der at ev-ery gift you send, at
mor-rows be filled with good or ill, we'll



bles-sings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out
tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you



end: We lift our hearts be-fore you and
still: To mar-vel at your beau-ty and



wait up-on your Word, we hon-or and a-
glo-ry in your ways, and make a joy-ful



dore you, our great and might-y of Lord.
du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

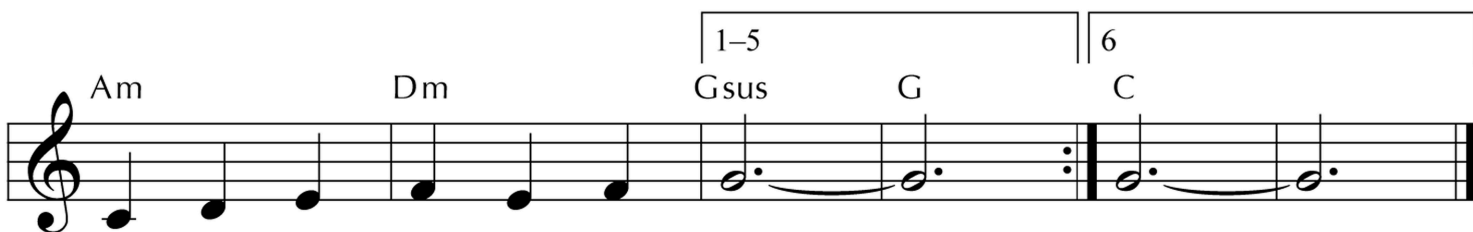
God of the Sparrow



1	God	of	the	spar - row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
2	God	of	the	earth - quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the
3	God	of	the	rain - bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun - gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh - bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a - ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl - ing	stars	How does the	crea - ture	say	Awe
trum - pet	blast	How does the	crea - ture	cry	Woe
emp - ty	grave	How does the	crea - ture	say	Grace
prod - i - gal		How does the	crea - ture	say	Care
prun - ing	hook	How does the	crea - ture	say	Love
lov - ing	heart	How do your	chil - dren	say	Joy



How does the	crea - ture	say	Praise
How does the	crea - ture	cry	Save
How does the	crea - ture	say	Thanks
How does the	crea - ture	say	Life
How does the	crea - ture	say	Peace
How do your	chil - dren	say	

Home

Notes:

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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

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Christian Education: Mary Pluta

Fellowship: Sharon Polakowski

Finance: Brian Hakes & Vince Racioppo

Memorial: Jennifer Good

Clerk of Session: Susan Kilhefner

Mission: Angela Madison

Nominating: Kevin Sjostrom

Personnel: Don Weinberg

Stewardship: Denise Fried

Worship: Heidi 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

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Sign Language Interpreter
(1st Sunday of each month)



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