

WAUWATOSA
PRESBYTERIAN

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

ALL ARE *ALWAYS* WELCOME!

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
The 25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2026 10:00am

Bold text: Spoken by all people +Please rise in body or spirit

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We Gather Together Before God

Please prepare your hearts for worship.

Prelude *In Heaven Above* Jayne Latva
Conrad Baden - Norsk Musikforlag © 1977

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

God seeks the lost and brings home the scattered.
We gather in the care of the Good Shepherd.
God binds up the injured and strengthens the weak.
We come with our wounds, our weariness, and our hope.
Christ meets us in the hungry, the stranger,
the sick, and the imprisoned.
Open our eyes to your presence
and our hands to your service.
Come, let us worship the One who searches for every sheep.
Let us praise God, whose mercy gathers us and whose love sends us.

+Opening Hymn *The Days Are Surely Coming* #357

+Seeking God's Grace Elizabeth Bargren

+ Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
you seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and gather the scattered.
Yet we confess that our care often stops at the boundaries
of what is familiar and convenient.
We pass by suffering we could help relieve.
We overlook neighbors whose lives seem distant from our own.
We seek your presence in worship
while missing you in those who need our care.
Forgive us.
Gather our wandering hearts and heal our indifference.
Give us courage to draw near, humility to receive the care of others,
and love that takes shape in ordinary acts of mercy.
Through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Savior. Amen.

+Moment for Silent Confession

+Response *Love the Lord Your God* #62

+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 Elizabeth Bargren

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16

Worship through Music *With Thankful Hearts* Chancel Choir
Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
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Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Morgan Edwards

Sermon Searching for Sheep

We Respond To God's Word

Hymn of Response *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* #187

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 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* #44

+Benediction Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude Majesty Jayne Latva
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Care Card & Flowers

Please sign the Thanksgiving Cards for our At-Home Members and Friends!

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Kilhefner
in honor of our choir members who help her keep her sanity.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
Guest preacher: Morgan Edwards
Liturgist: Elizabeth Bargren
Deacons: Anne Coulling, Olivia Luke
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 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

December 6
A special presentation on the history of a family through Holocaust and Civil Rights Movement by the Simon Sisters.

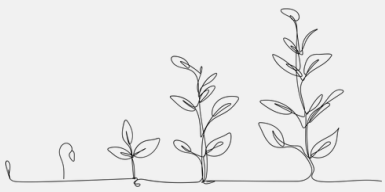
Sundays

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

NOVEMBER 15 - PACKERS WATCH PARTY
Join us today for our second Packers Watch Party starting at noon. Chili (beef, chicken, and vegetable) with fixings and cornbread, gluten-free options, snacks, and some beverages will be provided.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 17 - MILWAUKEE MUSAIK CONCERT - "BAROQUE BRILLIANCE"
Travel back with the Milwaukee Musaik Chamber Orchestra to the dazzling world of the Baroque at 7pm. Use the code TOSAPRES50 during check out to receive the special 50% off discount on the Musaik ticket page: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/baroque-brilliance

NOVEMBER 22 - ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET
Join us for TosaPres' Annual Alternative Christmas Market event. See page 10 for more information!

NOVEMBER 22 - HANGING OF THE GREENS
Join us in decorating WPC for the Advent season! We will meet for 'Hanging of the Greens' on Sunday November 22 after worship. There are jobs of all sizes and for all ages, so join us for a quick few minutes or stay for an hour (or so) – whatever time you have to share will be helpful and appreciated! Contact Heidi Hudson-Mairet (hhudsonmairet@wi.rr.com or 414-520-4336) if you have any questions. Thank you!

Volunteer

EXTENDING THE TABLE:
Support the Tosa Food Pantry - in November we are collecting **canned fruits and Thanksgiving staples** per request from the Tosa Food Pantry! 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 2027. 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

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)
May Nicolaisen
(Fiona Nicolaisen's mother)
Bill Reynolds
(brother-in-law of the Wehnes family)

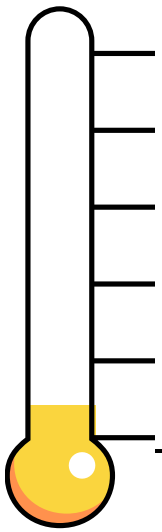
Friends of WPC

Brian, Maria & Jeff
(friends of Mark & Leigh Anne Fraley)
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 Guckenberg)
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)
Gerald & Brigitte Seidel
(Micha Gibbons' parents)
Vanessa
(Penny Cotton's caregiver)



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

TEN TONS TOGETHER



WHAT: COLLECTING TEN TONS OF FOOD FOR LOCAL PANTRIES
WHEN: RALLY DAY 2026 TO PENTECOST 2027
WHERE: COLLECT SUNDAYS @WPC



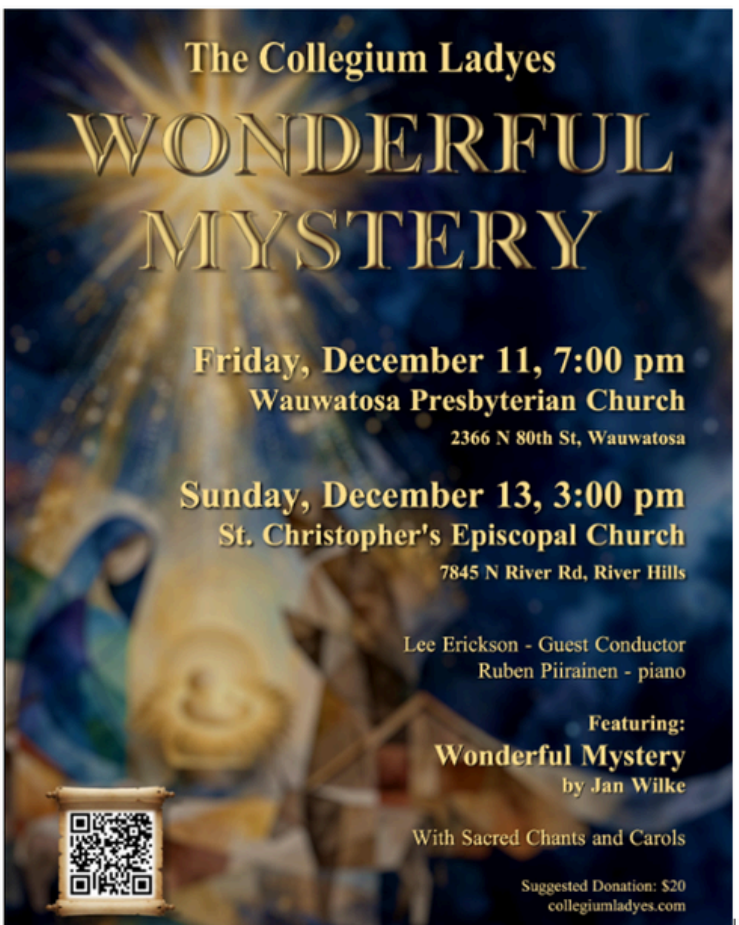
LET US DO THE HEAVY LIFTING!

We have created a wish list of non-perishable food items you can conveniently shop from home and have directly delivered to church! Simply scan the QR code to order from our wish list - you can even set up recurring orders!

SCAN ME



Use the code TOSAPRES50 during check out to receive a special 50% off discount on the Musaik ticket page: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/baroque-brilliance



Join the Collegium Ladyes women's choral ensemble as we welcome the Christmas season with ancient chants, carols from Germany and Poland, and Jan Wilke's "Wonderful Mystery," contemporary settings of English poems from the 15th and 16th centuries.

7 pm Friday, December 11
Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
2366 N. 80th St., Wauwatosa

3 pm Sunday, December 13
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
7845 N. River Rd., River Hills

No tickets required; suggested donation $20

ALTERNATIVE Christmas MARKET

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

The Mission Committee is excited to welcome our mission partners back again for this year's **Alternative Christmas Market**! On **Sunday, November 22,** representatives from our mission partner agencies will be at WPC to worship with us and to share information about the important work they do in the community Gifts can be made to the organizations and given as gifts in honor of a loved one or friend – this is a great opportunity for church members to give to their favorite organizations in one place on one day. ***This is a favorite tradition at WPC, providing our members and friends an opportunity to give to charitable organizations – a great way to share gifts during the holiday season.*** Each organization will have a table to set up displays and materials in the Gathering Space after worship, and members and friends of the church will be able to walk around and visit each booth to learn more about the good work of these organizations. Mission will also host a breakfast for Mission Partners prior to the service, allowing them to network and enjoy some fellowship. Many have confirmed their plans to attend including Capuchin Community Services (St. Bens), Civic Music MKE, Common Ground, Eras Senior Network, Forward Scholars, Foundations for Freedom, Guest House, Habitat for Humanity, Legal Aid Milwaukee, Literacy Services of WI, Meta House, Pathfinders, Safe & Sound, and Tippecanoe. There will be a lot of cheer as we join together at this annual, festive event for our mission partners. More information about the Alternative Christmas Market, can also be found on the WPC website. See you there!



The Days Are Surely Coming 357



TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
Text © 2011 David Gambrell (admin. Presbyterian Publishing Corp.)

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62 Love the Lord Your God



TEXT and MUSIC: Jean and Jim Strathdee, 1991
Text and Music © 1991 Desert Flower Music

GREAT COMMANDMENT
Irregular

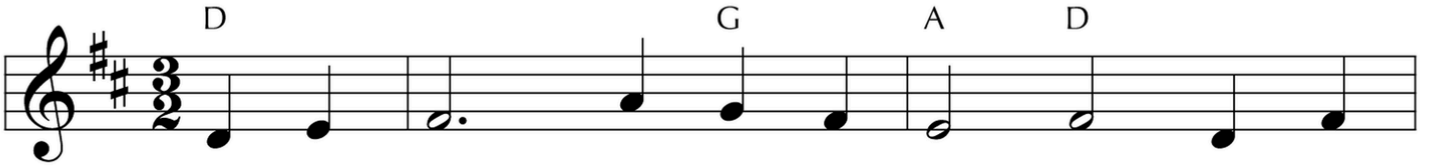
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



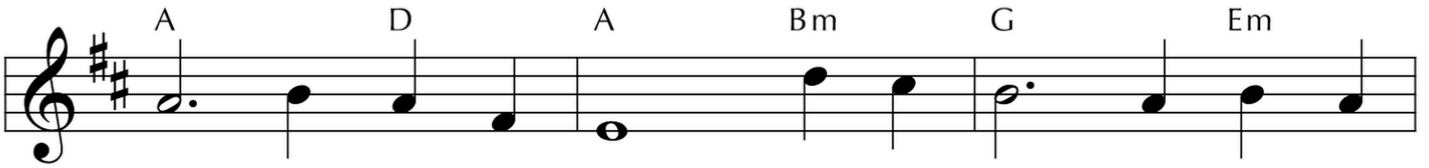
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MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

BRADBURY
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44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

TEXT: Daniel Bechtel, 1986
MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992
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AUSTIN
8.7.8.7

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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)
Office Manager: Micha Gibbons (ext. 101, micha@tosapres.com)
Office Associate: Mark Wojta (ext. 100, mark@tosapres.com, Tues-Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm)
Director of Music: Nicole McCarty (nicole@tosapres.com)
Organist: Jayne Latva
AV Lead Technician: Jim Halverson (jim@tosapres.com)
Custodian: Gary Hodel (gary@tosapres.com)
Crib Room Staff: Cynthia Gebhardt & Amanda Miller
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Session

Adult Enrichment: Pam Weisser
Building & Grounds: Steve Trower & Mike Harvey
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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PCUSA Earth Care Congregation

Sign Language Interpreter (1st Sunday of each month)

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