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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

ALL ARE *ALWAYS* WELCOME!

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 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 *How Can I Keep From Singing*
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Woodwind Ensemble and Martha Brown

Welcome & Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Let us worship Jesus Christ, whose authority is compassion.
We come to give thanks for love stronger than fear.
His welcome crosses every boundary;
his compassion reaches those the world forgets.
We come to find our place in the wideness of his grace.
Let us lift our voices to the Savior who calls us friends.
With grateful hearts, we worship Christ our King.

+Opening Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* #260

+A Liturgy for Christ the King Sunday Joannie Weinberg

From the One who is and who was
and who is to come,
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
grace to us, and peace.
From places of sorrow and uncertainty,
from streets divided and nations at war,
from homes where peace is fragile
and hearts where hope grows weary,
God gathers us to learn the ways of peace.
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
where people of every nation gather,
where God's instruction offers wisdom
and God's paths lead toward life.
Teach us your ways, O God,
that we may walk in your paths.
Where swords have wounded,
where spears have threatened,
where fear has taught us to prepare for war,
let the work of peace begin.

Swords into plowshares,
Spears into pruning hooks,
Weapons forged anew
To tend the earth and feed its people.
May hands once raised against a neighbor
Become hands that plant and heal.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
Neither shall they learn war anymore.
May your promise renew our hope.
May your wisdom reshape our lives.
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Jesus Christ, who loves us, who frees us from our sins
and makes us a people called to serve God,
t**o you be glory and dominion forever.**

Christ, our faithful witness,
t**each us to speak the truth in love.**
Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
g**ive us courage to hope beyond all endings.**
Christ, ruler of the kings of the earth,
guide the nations in justice and peace.
In our world and in our streets,
your peace take root.
In our homes and communities,
your love make room.
In our choices and commitments,
your wisdom lead us.

God is the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end, the One who holds our past
and opens before us a future.
Our hope rests in your faithfulness.
Our lives belong to your love.
Until the tools of war become the tools of harvest,
until the earth's abundance nourishes every neighbor,
until the nations learn to live together,
Keep us faithful in the work of peace.
Christ the King,
may your reign be seen among us:
i**n justice practiced, in mercy offered,**
i**n enemies reconciled, and in hope made visible through love.**
To the One who is and who was
and who is to come,
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Response *Healer of Our Every Ill* #795
(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 Joannie Weinberg

First Reading Revelation 1:4-8

Worship through Music *Praise to God, Immortal Praise!* Chancel Choir
By John Purifoy
Featuring: Laura Holveck, Flute; Beth Wilkinson, Oboe
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Second Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Homily Forged in Fire

We Respond To God's Word

Hymn of Response *O God of Every Nation* #756

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 *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* #378

+Benediction Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Postlude *Nearer My God To Thee*
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Woodwind Ensemble and Martha Brown

Care Card & Flowers

Please sign the Care Card for Jean Dregne.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Joyce and Brian Hakes in celebration of their 47th anniversary.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
Liturgist: Joannie Weinberg
Deacons: Barb Guyer, Diane Melrose
Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Chancel Choir
Guest organist: Martha Brown
Guest musicians: Laura Holveck, Beth Wilkinson
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.

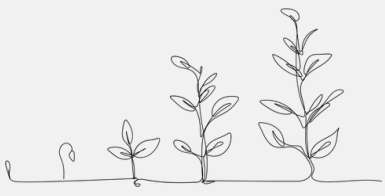
Sundays

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

Join us today for TosaPres' Annual Alternative Christmas Market event! **Online giving will be available through December 2!**

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Stay after worship and lend a hand in decorating WPC for the Advent season.

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2 - OVER 55'S: CHILI LUNCH & CHRISTMAS GAMES
Get in the mood for the holidays and join us on Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is 2 cans of food or a toy to donate. Questions? Call Diane Lukeart at 414-745-1091.

DECEMBER 3 - THURSDAY NIGHT LIFE
Let's come together for dinner and Advent fun for all ages at 6pm. Suggested donation: $7/adults, $5/kids, $20/family - All proceeds to benefit our Ten Tons Together project! Menu for December 3: 'Oodles of Noodles' Pasta Bar

DECEMBER 6 - ADULT ENRICHMENT
Join us for a special presentation on the history of a family through Holocaust and Civil Rights Movement by the Simon Sisters. Lunch included and ASL Interpretation available. Please sign up in the Gathering Space or let the church office know you'll be coming.

2027 FLOWER CHART IS NOW AVAILABLE
Sign up to sponsor Sunday flowers for 2027. When you sign up, you will receive a letter from the office with instructions for payment, flower choice, etc. 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!



MITTEN TREE 2026
We are collecting mittens, hats, and new toys until Sunday, December 6, 2026! Leave your gifts of warmth and joy underneath the Mitten Tree in the Gathering Space. 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
Paul Malmstrom
Sarilee Maney
Bill Nelson
Lola Nelson
Mike Nelson
The Pagels Family
Marge Wangemann

Family Concerns

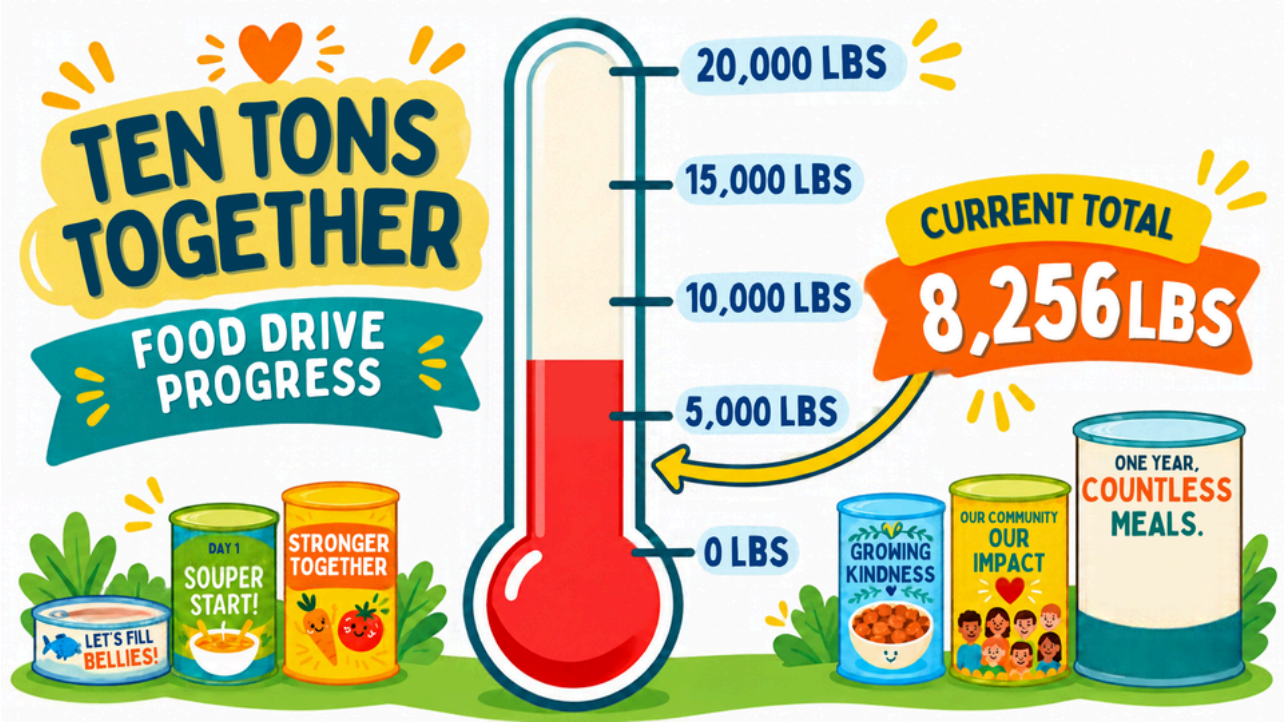
Cory
(Kim Christianson's son)
Barbara Johnston
(Joyce Kolda's niece)
Pauline & Jesse Kilhefner
(Susan Kilhefner's parents)
James Lawrence
(Mike Nelson's brother-in-law)
Irene Marconnet
(Ilene Marconnet's sister)
May Nicolaisen
(Fiona Nicolaisen's mother)
Bill Reynolds
(brother-in-law of the Wehnes family)

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.



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! Financial support is also welcome! You can also donate to Ten Tons Together on our website and take advantage of the higher purchase power of local food pantries, turning every dollar into 5lbs of food!

SCAN ME



Christmas Games & Fun

Over 55s Group

December 2

1pm

Come join the fun!



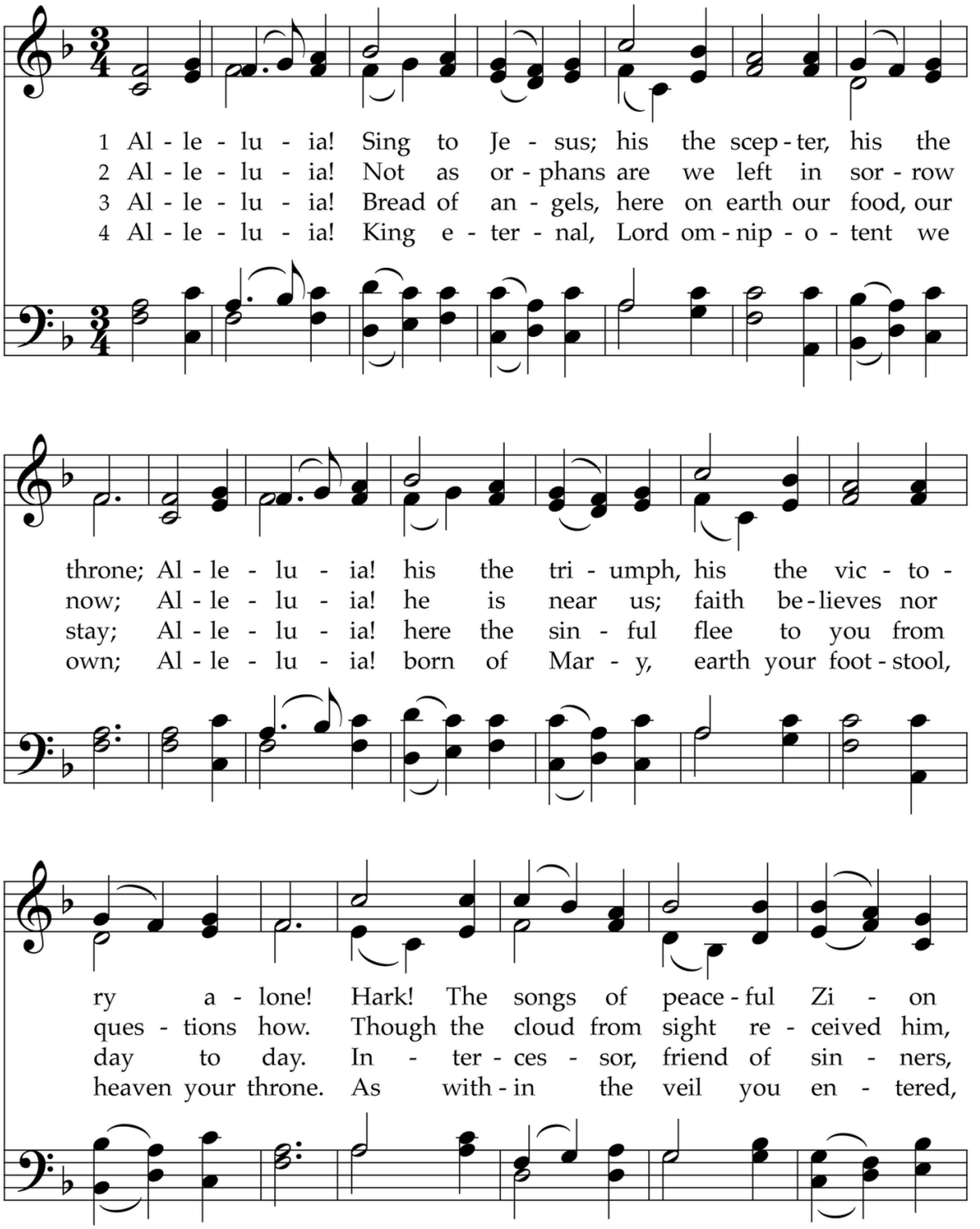
Join the Collegium Ladyes women's choral ensemble as we welcome the Christmas season with ancient chants, carols from Germany and Poland, and Jan Wilke's "Wonderful Mystery," contemporary settings of English poems from the 15th and 16th centuries.

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

260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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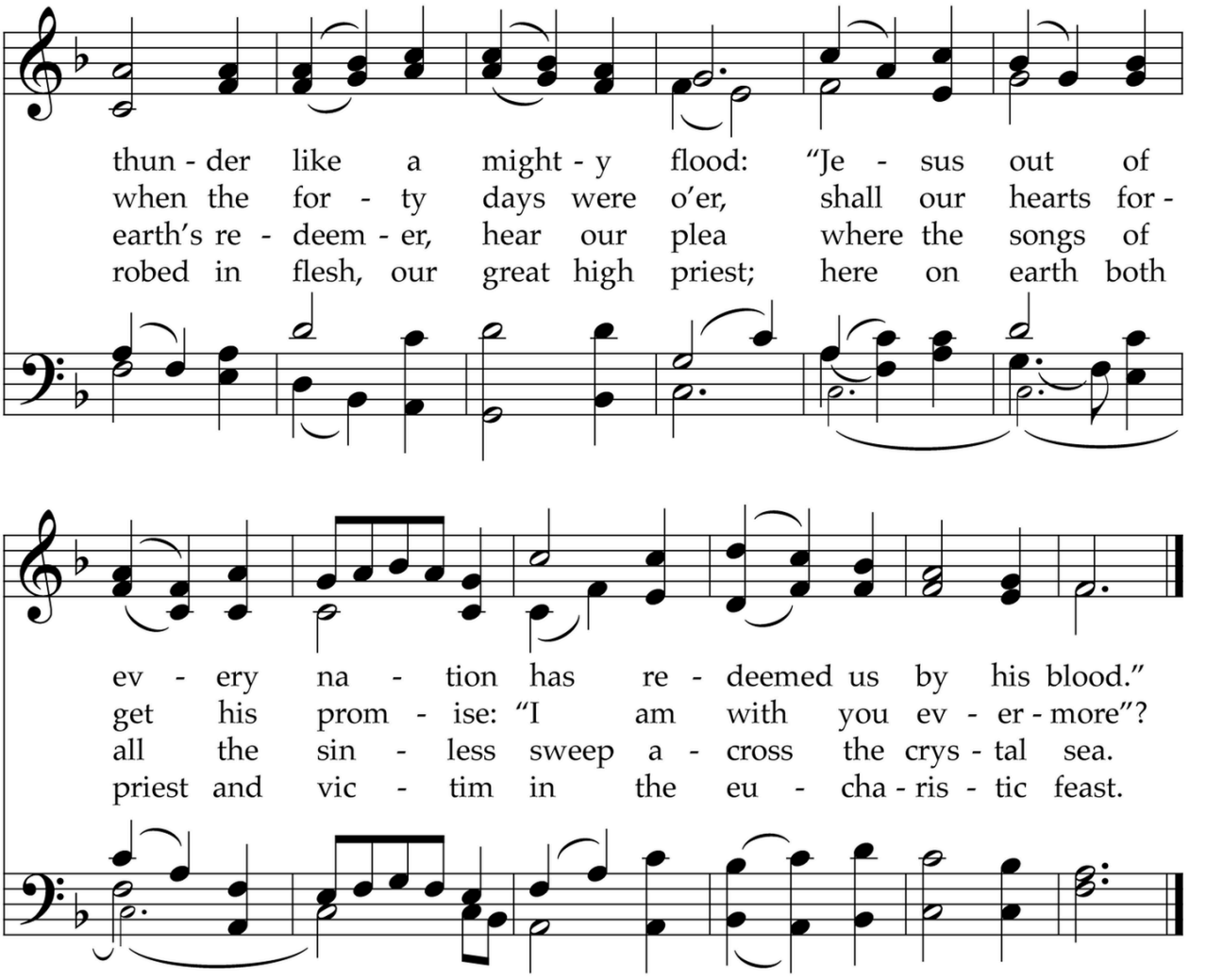

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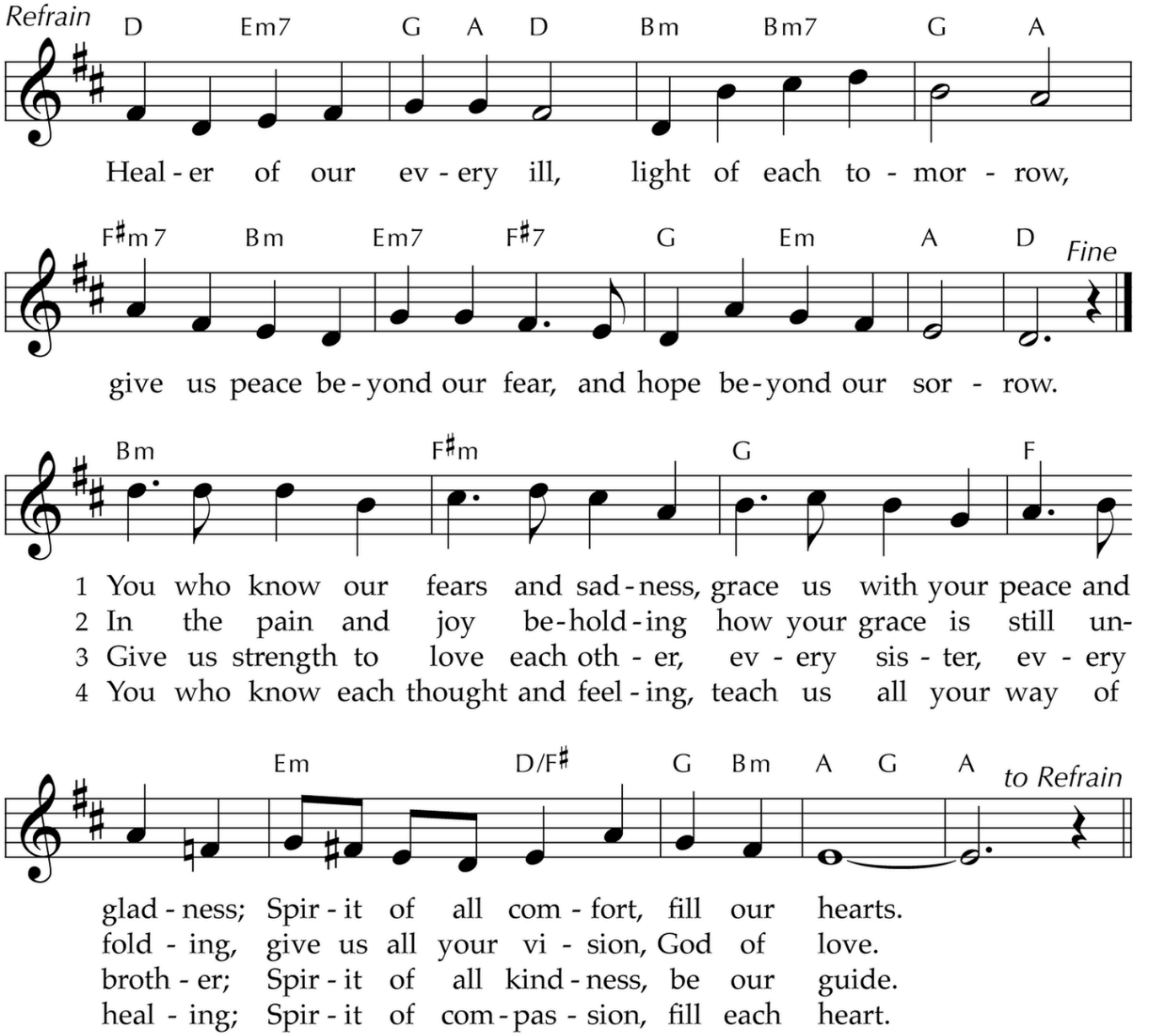

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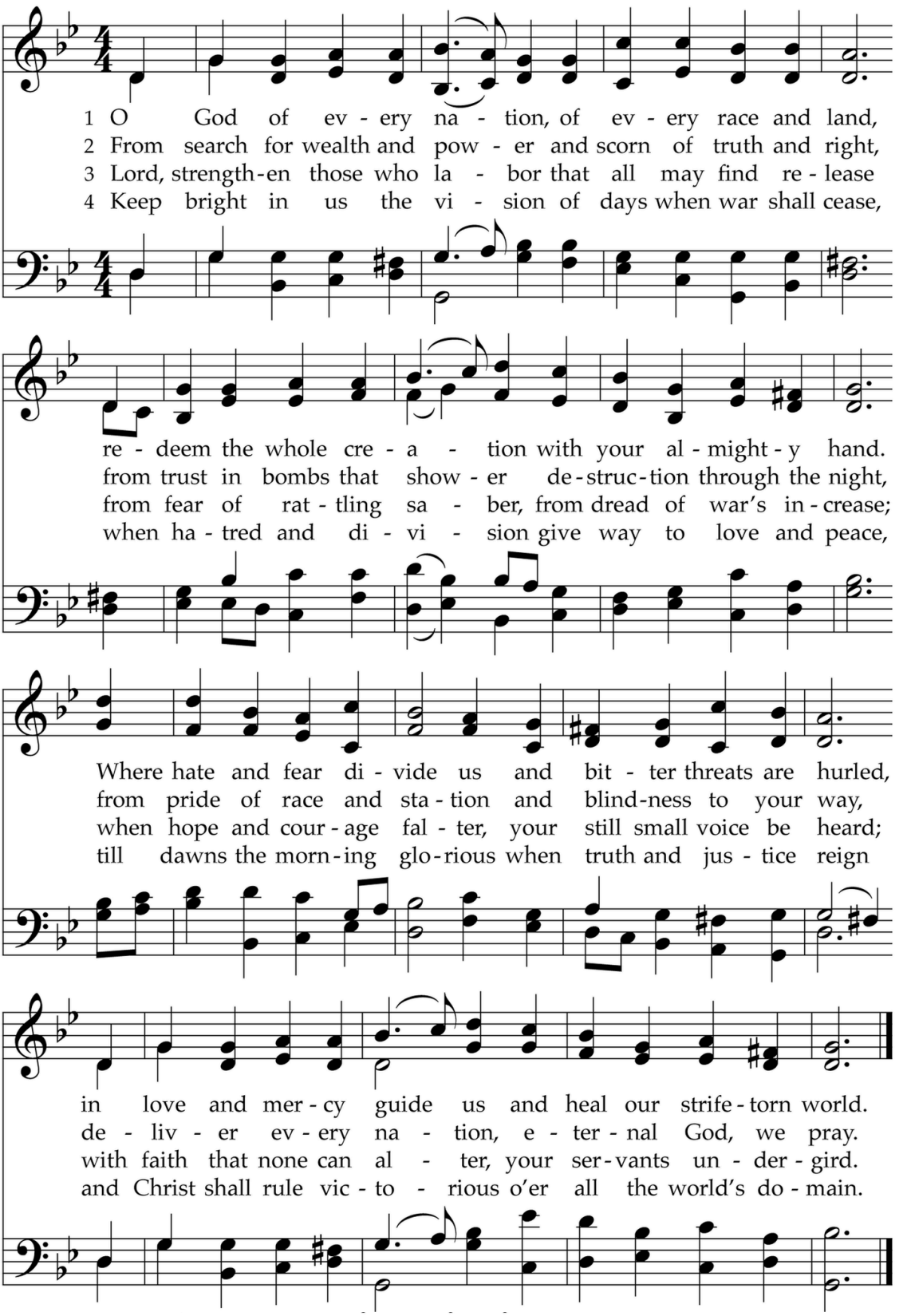

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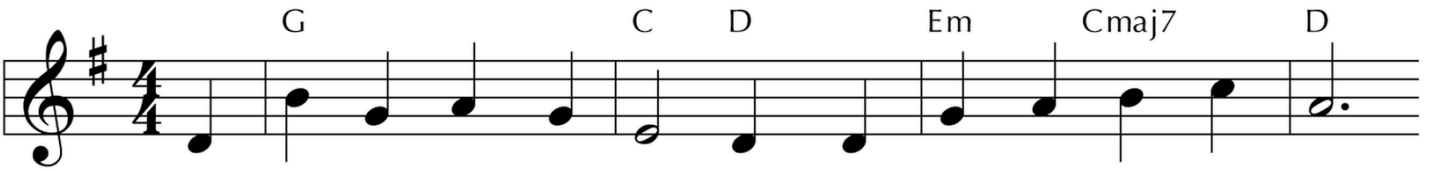
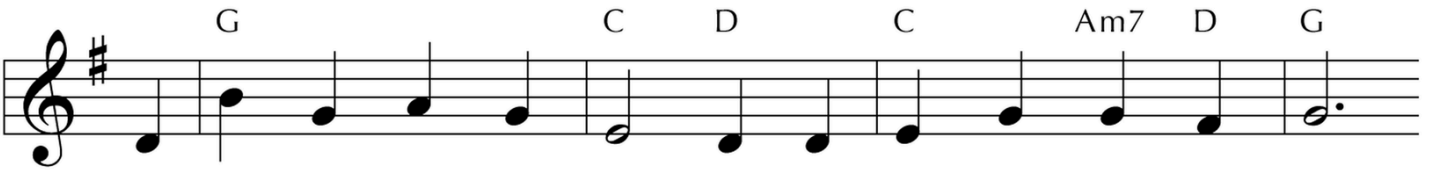
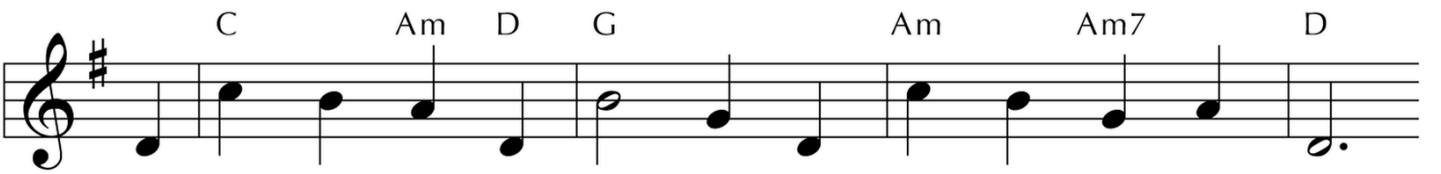
We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



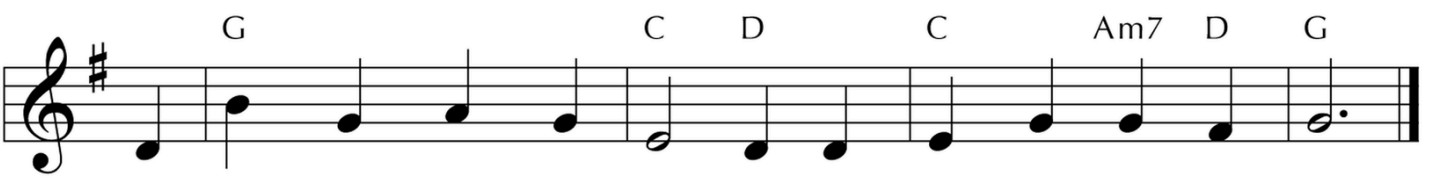
1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.
when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"
to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.



when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:
still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:
The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

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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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Clerk of Session: Susan Kilhefner
Mission: Angela Madison
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Personnel: Don Weinberg
Stewardship: Denise Fried
Worship: Heidi Hudson-Mairet
Treasurer: Scott Bentley

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