



Waiting in Wonder

November 27, 2022

Welcome

to Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

We seek to offer an inclusive and welcoming community to all those hoping to grow an intentional life of faith. We strive to share the Good News of God's love through ministries of care and compassion, working for justice and peace both in our community and around the world. As a congregation affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we affirm the dignity and belovedness of all people and welcome the gifts of every person into the life and ministry of the Church.

Notes About Our Worship Service:

- An asterisk denotes standing— in body or spirit.
- Bold text means the congregation is invited to speak aloud together.
- Notes in the margins are included to provide background and increase understanding of our service.
- Children are fully welcome in worship. Please do not worry if your child makes noise or gets the wiggles! They are an important part of our church community! If you prefer your child go to our nursery, it is available for children ages 5 and under. There is also a “wiggle room” in the room to the left of the pulpit.
- Our congregation is committed to using inclusive and expansive language for God and God's people. While an element of worship may use language that assigns a particular gender to God, we strive to maintain a balance so that God's fullness might be honored.
- For our early and non-readers, icons are provided throughout the bulletin to include their participation. We suggest you encourage children to follow along using these icons throughout the service.



SPEAKING



SCRIPTURE



MUSIC



PRAY



BAPTISM



COMMUNION



OFFERING



LISTEN

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Advent is a four-week season of waiting and anticipation, both of Jesus' birth and his second coming.

THE GATHERING

 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Christine Coy Fohr
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

 OPENING VOLUNTARY *Meditation on Veni Emmanuel* Baker

INTROIT *Creator of the Stars of Night* Latin hymn
Chancel Choir

 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 3rd-5th grade Sunday School Class
Creator of the Stars, in you we have hope. Help us to wait in wonder, preparing our hearts for your love made real to us, this season and always. Amen.

 *HYMN 82 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Katherine Kupar

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of grace, the season of Advent calls us to watchful waiting. We are invited to remember your faithfulness from generation to generation, and yet we question your presence. We look on the splendor of your heavens and wonder: who are we? How could you, who made the stars in the sky, care even for us? Forgive us, O God, for putting limits on the abundance of your grace. Help us to wait in wonder, watching for you, God-with-us. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATERS REMINISCENT OF BAPTISM
Remember your baptism and be thankful!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

 TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Katherine Kupar

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 92 v. 1) WAITING (Cason)
*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

PRESENTATION OF GOLDEN LOUISE RODRIGUEZ

*In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the **Advent wreath**. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.*

*As we **confess** together, we turn away from all that keeps us from God and turn toward the life-giving gospel offered in Jesus Christ.*

Baptism is the bond of unity in Jesus Christ. When we are baptized, we are made one with Christ, with one another, and with the Church of every time and place. In Christ, barriers of race, status, and gender are overcome; we are called to seek reconciliation in the Church and world, in Jesus' name. The baptism of our young children witnesses to the truth that God claims people in love even before they are able to respond in faith.

Baptized today: Golden Louise Rodriguez, child of Leslie and Javier Rodriguez and grandchild of John and Annie McClure and Francisco Rodriguez and Maria Luisa Valenzuela.

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word.



***PROFESSION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)**
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER



THE BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

PRAYER



WELCOME INTO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Elder: Goldie is now received into Christ's church. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Elder: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**



***SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 92 v. 1)**

WAITING (Cason)

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

THE WORD



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Bob Brown



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-3; 3:17-19

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.
 The wicked surround the righteous—
 therefore judgement comes forth perverted.
 2 I will stand at my watch-post,
 and station myself on the rampart;
 I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
 and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
 2 Then the Lord answered me and said:
 Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets,
 so that a runner may read it.
 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
 it will surely come, it will not delay.
 3 17 Though the fig tree does not blossom,
 and no fruit is on the vines;
 though the produce of the olive fails
 and the fields yield no food;
 though the flock is cut off from the fold
 and there is no herd in the stalls,
 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
 I will exult in the God of my salvation.
 19 God, the Lord, is my strength;
 he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
 and makes me tread upon the heights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

 SERMON Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

 INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *A Flickering Candle* Stephen P. Folkemer
Chancel Choir

 *DOXOLOGY (HYMN 84) CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
*To God, Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
 praise honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.*

 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION
 We thank you for your faithfulness, O God.
Giving us love and hope through all our days.
 May the gifts given today be used to your glory.
Sharing your hope in all the world. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Habakkuk is one of the books of what are called the "minor prophets" due to their brevity. In Advent, we often read prophetic literature as a way of pointing to God's not-yet-finished work in the world.

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The Table of Christ is the table for all God's people, where we are invited to remember all of God's works throughout history. At the table, we share the bread and cup, joining together to find connection with Christ and one another. All are welcome to partake of communion.

To receive communion, you are invited to come forward beginning in the front of your section by the center aisle. After receiving the elements, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. For those wishing to remain seated, a server will bring the elements to you.

Communion consists of gluten-free bread, and your choice of red wine or white grape juice.



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ___ Ho - ly, ___ Ho - ly. Reign ing God of pw'r and ___
 might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, All cre - a - tion
 seeks your ___ light! Bles - sed is the One who comes in Your
 name. Bles - sed be the Lord most ___ High!



Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has ___ died; Christ is ri - sen;
 Christ the Lord will come a - - - gain.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + 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.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING



*HYMN 94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sortie on Stuttgart

Baker

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