



Waiting in Wonder

December 4, 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
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

THE GATHERING

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

 OPENING VOLUNTARY *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (Hymn 904)* Baker

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

 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School Class
Creator of the Stars, in you we find peace. Help us this Advent to wait in wonder, preparing our hearts for your love made real to us, this season and always. Amen.

 *HYMN 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
Stanzas 1-3

 CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Katherine Kupar

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Faithful and loving God, we struggle to trust in your timing. You promise a savior to bring justice and release the oppressed from bondage, yet the world still feels so broken. Shine light upon us this day, O God, and show us how, with you, we are invited to bring peace and justice to all who suffer. We pray these things in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.
Silence is kept for personal prayer.

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

 WORDS OF ASSURANCE

 *PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 88 vs. 6 and 7) VENI EMMANUEL
*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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

*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.*

The pouring of the waters reminds us that, no matter what, in our baptisms, we are unified with Christ and claimed in belovedness.

Following confession, we share signs of peace with one another to remember our unity in Christ.



*O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*



TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katherine Kupar

THE WORD



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kathy Williams



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42: 1-9

The book of Isaiah is a favorite during the season of Advent. Tyler Mayfield, professor at Louisville Seminary, emphasizes the importance of reading Isaiah with two lenses: one focusing in on the Christian tradition of reading Christ into Isaiah's words, and a second of broadening our focus to see how our Jewish neighbors continue to find hope in these texts. You can read more in [Unto Us A Child Is Born: Isaiah, Advent, and Our Jewish Neighbors](#).

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
5 Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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



SERMON

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Advent Statement of Faith*)

Terry Hargrave

Today's affirmation of faith was written by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison.

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

**For us, Advent is a time of waiting,
and so we wait.**

We wait for the coming of the One

**who is the fulfillment of God's promise,
the fulfillment of hope,
the declaration that we have been redeemed.**

Even so, we are not a naïve people.

**We know that the world in which we live
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.
We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.
We know that death and separation will continue
to be a part of our lives.**

But because we are an Advent people,

**we know that none of these things will win in the end.
The Holy One is coming,
to make holy once again
all that was, is, and ever will be.**

And in our waiting and our hoping,

**we work and worship,
pray and play,
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign
in our lives and in our world,
now and forever.**



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

 ANTHEM *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth* arr. Mark Schweitzer
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.

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THE EUCHARIST



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

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...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 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr



*CLOSING VOLUNTARY *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Baker

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