

*Light of Peace*

December 22, 2024

# 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 the 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. Wiggle bags and books are available just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. The nursery is open for children ages 3 and under during worship. After the Time with Young Disciples kindergarten and under may leave for activities. The room to the left of the pulpit is a cry/wiggle room for when children or caregivers need to move around or have a good cry.
- Our congregation is committed to using expansive and inclusive 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.
- Hearing devices and large-print hymnals are available on the tables in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. An usher would be glad to help you find these.



SPEAKING



SCRIPTURE



MUSIC



PRAY



BAPTISM



COMMUNION



OFFERING



LISTEN


# Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Light of Peace

December 22, 2024

## THE GATHERING

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

 OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Baker


 \*CALL TO WORSHIP Christine Coy Fohr  
In this weary world,  
**we sing of joy.**  
In this fragile world,  
**we lift each other up.**  
In this beautiful world,  
**we look for God.**  
In this tender world,  
**we hold onto hope.**  
In this time of worship,  
**may we sing praise  
to our with-us-God.**

 \*HYMN 100 *Canticle of the Turning* STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

 TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES + CANDLE LIGHTING Katherine Kubar

\*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 137) HE CAME DOWN  
*He came down that we may have love,  
He came down that we may have love,  
He came down that we may have love,  
Alleluia, forevermore.*

 CALL TO CONFESSION Jim Hubert

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Gracious God, you paint pictures of what could be, but we declare those visions impossible. You speak of the lion lying down with the lamb, but we spout skepticism and uncertainty. You dream of a more just day, but we poke holes in the plan, unable to fathom that horizon. Forgive us for losing sight of hope. Forgive us for assuming that what we see is all there is. Open our hearts to dream dreams and to not be afraid.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayer.*

 POURING OF THE WATERS

*Remember your baptism and be thankful!*

 WORDS OF ASSURANCE

...So say this with me:

**We are loved. We are claimed. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

 \*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 87)


GENEVAN 42

*“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.*

*“Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.*

*To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!*

*Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.”*

 \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

 \*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 87)

GENEVAN 42

*Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.*

*Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God’s holy reign.*

*For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,*

*and all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.*

## THE WORD

 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristy Hubert

 THE WORD IN SONG

*Light of Peace*

Karen Marrolli

*Celtic Carols for Christmas*

Harvey Browne Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

 CAROL

*Noel*

*Noel, noel!*

*The angels tell the story of this night,  
when Emmanuel came with us to dwell:  
the Christ, the Child of Light.*

*He was not born in gilded halls befitting of his  
reign,  
but rather in a lowly stall to feel our human pain.*

*All glory be to God on high!  
We heed the angels’ call and joyfully return their  
cry:  
Sing peace to one and all!*

*Noel, noel!  
Their praises swell o’er hill and over sea.  
O hear the bells, o’er hill and dell, that sing of  
jubilee! The Lord has come to show us how  
iniquity might cease. O let us be your servants  
Now, and walk the paths of peace.*

*All Glory be to God on high!  
We heed the angels’ call and joyfully return  
their cry; Sing peace to one and all!*

*Noel, noel!  
O come and quell the fear of earthly care,  
O teach us well, Emmanuel, to nourish and to  
share,  
to grasp each far and distant hand and to  
knock down every wall  
’till peace and light reign o’er the land, and love  
embraces all.*

*All Glory be to God on high!  
We heed the angels’ call and joyfully return  
their cry:  
Sing peace to one and all! Sing peace to one  
and all.  
Sing peace to one and all! Sing peace to all!*





SCRIPTURE

Micah 5: 2-5

Kristy Hubert



CAROL

*Creation Sings*

*O sleep, o sleep, Thou Holy Child,  
the Son of God, so meek, so mild.  
The donkey carried your Mother blessed,  
the cow gives hay to hasten your rest,  
and all Creation sings the birth of Christ,  
the Savior of the earth!  
And all Creation sings the birth of Christ,  
the Savior of the earth!*

*O sleep, o sleep, Thou Holy Child,  
the Son of God, so meek, so mild,  
The stars will hum a slumber tune*

*as oxen bow and sweet birds croon,  
and all Creation sings the birth of Christ,  
the Savior of the earth!*

*Rejoice, rejoice! This Holy Child,  
the Son of God, so meek, so mild  
has come that darkness now might cease!  
Sing welcome to that Light of Peace!  
Now all Creation sings the birth of Christ,  
the Savior of the earth!*



SCRIPTURE

Psalms 80: 1-7

Brad Zuber



CAROL

*Peace on Earth*

*Peace on earth, peace on earth,  
we shall know peace,  
peace on earth, peace on earth,  
we shall know peace,  
when Christ comes to reign within us  
when Christ is born in us.*

*Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Peace on earth, peace on earth,  
we shall know peace,  
when Christ comes to reign within us,  
when Christ is born in us.  
Peace on earth, peace on earth,  
we shall know peace,  
peace on earth, peace on earth,  
we shall know peace.*

*Gloria, glorias in excelsis Deo!  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!  
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PRAYER

Katherine Kupar



CAROL

*The Call*

*We greet the joy of Christmas  
and the chorus the angels Sing!  
Ring out a song of welcome to Christ,  
the newborn King!*

*For present in that welcome  
of the light through blissful birth  
is a welcome to all people,  
and the promise of peace on earth.*

*We feel the call of Christmas  
in the message the shepherds heard.  
Though they were but common people  
they were chosen to greet the word.*

*“Oh Glory to God in the highest and peace to all  
of goodwill.*

*But will we embody the promise  
when the ancient song is stilled?*

*Forgive us, Lord, forgive us  
when we look to the rich and strong  
instead of the lowly stable  
for the pow’r to right Earth’s wrongs.*

*O use us, the poor and lowly,  
inspired by the song from above  
to seek the lost and broken, to heal the world  
with love.*

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with love.*



SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 46b-55

Christine Coy Fohr



CAROL

*Alleluia!*

Jim Hubert, Beth Brandenburg, soloists

*Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The angel song rings from on high!  
The star is shining in the sky!  
And all the heavens seem to cry:  
"Alleluia! Alle! Alleluia!"  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From the darkness shines an endless light,  
never overcome by ceaseless night,  
and we greet the dawn with great delight!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The chorus falls like holy rain  
and rings and echoes o'er the plain,  
and creation joins the song again:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Now we no more cling to doubt and fear  
since the Prince of Peace has entered here,  
and we greet the morning with great cheer!  
Alleluia! Alle! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace on earth! Good tidings to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*



\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christine Coy Fohr

**We believe in a God who gives us reason to hope, a God who fills our nights with stars, who follows winter with spring, who dwells with and among us. We believe that this God has dreams for creation, dreams of justice like a mighty stream and swords that will be beaten into plowshares. Therefore, we push cynicism aside. We risk vulnerability. We hold onto hope, and we declare: "My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior."**



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christine Coy Fohr



OFFERTORY

*Saviour of the Nations, Come*

Bomhoff



\*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.*

## THE EUCHARIST



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christine Coy Fohr



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Katherine Kubar and Christine Coy Fohr

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**



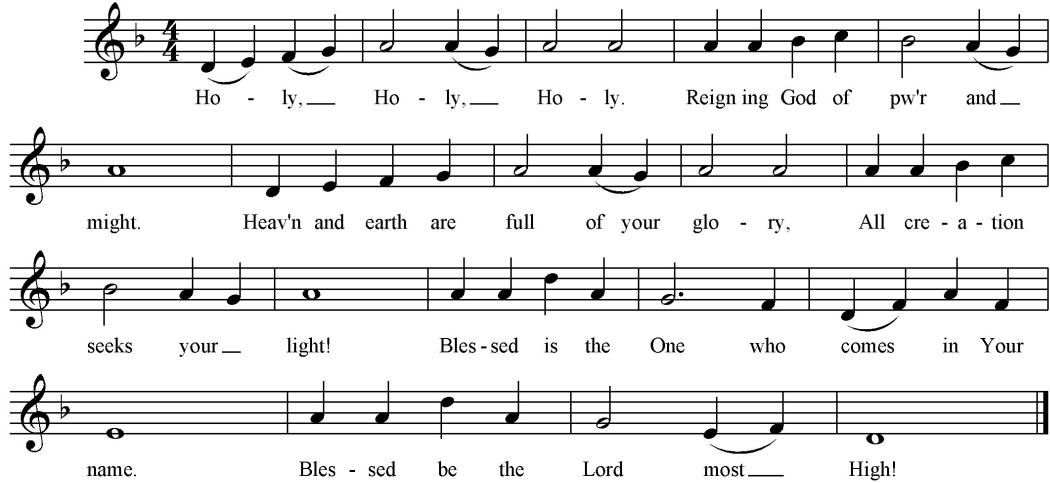
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

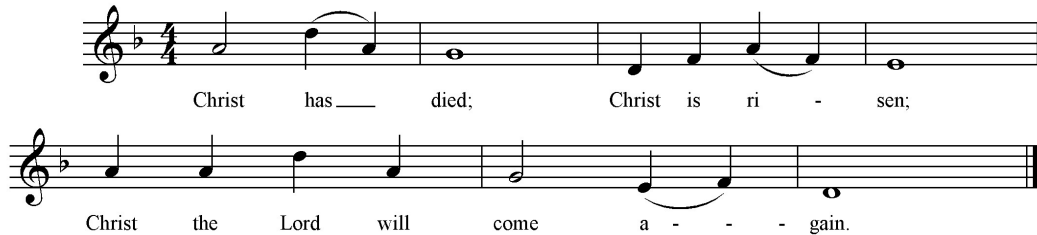
It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name.



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!



...for great is the mystery of faith:



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



### 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

*Communion elements consist of gluten-free bread and grape juice.*



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Katherine Kupar

## THE SENDING



\*HYMN 110

*Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH



\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Katherine Kupar



\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn*

Baker

*Join Harvey Browne this  
Advent and Christmas Season*

December 24 at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service with Communion

December 29 at 10:30am

Lessons and Carols Service  
(Christmas sweaters encouraged!)

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