



Baptism of the Lord
January 19, 2025

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

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THE GATHERING

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

 OPENING VOLUNTARY *Shall We Gather at the River* Baker

 *CALL TO WORSHIP Christine Coy Fohr


Holy God, author of community,
**Remind us what it means
to belong to one another.**

God who tears the heavens,
**Reveal to us your power
that ushers in new realms.**

God who calls us beloved,
**Declare to us your great delight
and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability,
**Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day.
**In the Creator's love we are held,
Into Christ's body we are baptized,
And by the Spirit's power we are claimed.**

 *HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

 CALL TO CONFESSION Kristy Hubert


 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.

Silence is kept for personal prayer.

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

 WORDS OF ASSURANCE

 *SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 456) NENO LAKE MUNGU
*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (x2)*

In ancient Christian tradition, the Baptism of the Lord is closely connected with the Epiphany as both are manifestations of God's saving purpose through Jesus Christ; accordingly, these festivals are adjacent to one another in the Christian calendar. (Book of Common Worship)



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Christine Coy Fohr

THE WORD



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeanne Luhr



THE FIRST READING

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**



THE SECOND READING


Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
the One who created you, O Jacob,
the One who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

Missing from the lectionary reading are verses 18-20, which tell of the arrest of John the Baptist. When included in the text, it can lead the reader to wonder who baptized Jesus.

The Book of Isaiah is a composite work, with three main distinguishable sections. Isaiah 43 comes from "Second Isaiah", which was written during the Babylonian exile of the sixth century.

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'


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

 SERMON Christine Coy Fohr

 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER Molly Pollock

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.

 REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

 HYMN 480 *Take Me To the Water* TAKE ME TO THE WATER
Take me to the water. Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

 SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Jim Hubert


 PROFESSION OF FAITH Christine Coy Fohr

 *AFFIRMATION 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 FOR BAPTISM Jim Hubert

 ASPERSION

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Why a reaffirmation of baptism?

Reaffirmation of baptism offers people a chance to mark a renewed commitment, a new growth in faith, or a new sense of calling. If you were baptized as an infant or small child, chances are you may not remember much or anything from that special day, surrounded by the congregation as it vowed before God to love you, support you, and teach you the faith. Reaffirmation is your opportunity to mark a new beginning, to blaze a new trail, to give thanks for God's presence, provision, power, strength, protection, comfort, and peace in your life.

To give your offering online, simply scan the QR Code below.



In 1752, a young Robert Robinson attended an evangelical meeting to heckle the believers and make fun of the proceedings. Instead, he listened in awe to the words of the great preacher George Whitefield, and in 1755, at the age of twenty, Robinson responded to the call he felt three years earlier and became a Christian. Another three years later, when preparing a sermon for his church in Norfolk, England, he penned the words that have become one of the church's most-loved hymns: 'Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.'"
(hymnary.com)



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Jim Hubert



OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water
Chancel Choir

arr. Roger Emerson

Today's special offering is for PC(USA) World Mission.



*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all peoples here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to you, O God:
to your realm of compassion and peace.
May these offerings be used to your glory,
offering hope and empowering love in word and deed. Amen.

THE SENDING



*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Christine Coy Fohr



**CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Exaltation

Hanlon

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Beth Brandenburg, Director of Children's Choir
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THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Christine Coy Fohr
Clerk of Session: Anne Hughes

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