



August 2, 2026

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. 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.



SPEAKING



SCRIPTURE



MUSIC



PRAY



BAPTISM



COMMUNION



OFFERING



LISTEN

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

THE GATHERING

 **PRELUDE** *Joyful Contemplation* Sandra Eithun

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

 ***CALL TO WORSHIP** Christine Coy Fohr

Come, let us lift our voices this morning!

We come to sing of God's steadfast love and mighty deeds

As God's ordinary people have moved
through the joys and trials of life,
they respond with song.

**God calls ordinary people into
extraordinary acts of faith.**

So let every voice be raised.

Come, all who have known fear and all who seek courage.

Come, all who long for justice, peace, and hope.

**Let our songs proclaim God's mercy,
our prayers seek God's justice,
and our lives reflect God's love.**

Come, let us worship God.

 ***HYMN 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

 **CALL TO CONFESSION** Christine Coy Fohr

 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful and loving God, You have given us songs to remember your goodness, to proclaim your justice, and to celebrate your saving power. Yet too often our voices grow quiet. We sing your praises on Sunday but fail to echo your love in the world throughout the week. You call us to join the song of your vision, but we allow fear to silence us. We choose comfort over courage, convenience over compassion, and self-interest over the work of justice. Forgive us, O God. Tune our hearts to your grace. Teach us to sing not only with our lips but with our lives. Give us voices that remember your mighty acts and hearts that trust your promises. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may join the chorus of your people, bearing witness to your justice, mercy, and peace in all we do. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal prayer.

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

Throughout the month of August, worship will be led by preachers from within our own congregation. Today we begin with Meg Buckner, who joined Harvey Browne with her family in 2022. Meg graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theology Seminary this past spring and began serving as Harvey Browne's Communications and Connections Minister on August 1.

 WORDS OF ASSURANCE



*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 582)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 582)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*



TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES + BACKPACK BLESSING Renata DeWees



SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 288)

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

THE WORD



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lynn Cole



THE FIRST READING

Judges 4: 4-7

At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

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

THE SECOND READING

Judges 5:1-3, 24-27, 31

Then Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang on that day,

"When locks are long in Israel,
when the people offer themselves willingly-
bless the Lord!

Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes;
to the Lord I will sing;
I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel.

Why do we pray for illumination? We believe that the Spirit is at work, both in the hearing of the word and in its preaching, or proclamation. The prayer asks that both our hearing and preaching be guided, not by our own desires, but by God's intention.



Most blessed of women be Jael,
 the wife of Heber the Kenite,
 of tent-dwelling women most blessed.
 Water [Sisera] asked, milk she gave;
 she brought him curds in a lordly bowl.
 She put her hand to the tent peg
 and her right hand to the workers' mallet;
 she struck Sisera a blow;
 she crushed his head;
 she shattered and pierced his temple.
 Between her feet he sank, he fell,
 he lay still;
 between her feet he sank, he fell;
 where he sank, there he fell dead.

So perish all your enemies, O Lord!
 But may your friends be like the sun as it rises in its might."
 And the land had rest forty years.

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



SERMON

Meg Buckner



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christine Coy Fohr

**In a broken and fearful world,
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**



*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christine Coy Fohr



OFFERTORY

*Rejoice and Sing
 Summer Choir*

Karen Marrolli



*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.*

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 online, simply scan the
 QR Code below.



THE EUCHARIST

*Communion is for all!
Whether old or young,
longtime member or
first-time visitor, know
that you are welcome
at Christ's table.*

 INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jim Hubert

 GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Meg Buckner

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.

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Meg Buckner

THE SENDING



*HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
Stanzas 1-3



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Meg Buckner



*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 100)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:*

*God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.*

*This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

*Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.*

*"Christian worship and
service does not end at
the conclusion of the
Service for the Lord's
Day; we go forth to
love and serve the Lord
in daily living. In so
doing, we seek to fulfill
our chief end: to glorify
and enjoy God
forever." (W-3.0503)*

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Katherine Kubar, Associate Pastor
Renata DeWees, Director of Youth Ministries (6th — 12th)
Rev. Jim Hubert, Coordinator of Pastoral Care
Meg Buckner, Communications and Connections Minister
Megan Durham, Director of Worship Arts
Chris Harbeson-Borgelt, Associate Director of Worship Arts/Accompanist
Ben Durham, Director of Chancel Choir
Tessy Farrell, Nursery Coordinator
Amy Squires, Harvey Browne Preschool Director
Rebecca Wilson, Parents' Day Out Director
Cheryl Granger, Church Administrator
Grace Graves, Administrative Assistant
Tim Miller, Building Manager
Carl Enoch, Sign Language Interpreter

THE SESSION

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

Class of 2027

Ben Blake, Welcome, Worship
Mary Esch, Welcome
Tom Frentz, Personnel
Linda Garrett, Cong. Life, Mission
Lynn Overstreet, Property

Class of 2028

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Kim Harrod, Worship & Music
Tom Hughes, Finance, Mission
Jean Wolph, Mission
Jenny Garcia, Christian Education

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Jennifer Thalman-Kepler, Outreach,
Worship & Music
Evelyn Yu
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Sara Sutphin, Co-Chair

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