



# *Giving from the Gifts We Have*

August 3, 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 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**  
8th Sunday After Pentecost  
August 3, 2025

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**THE GATHERING**


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


 **OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Reflection* Wood

 **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Christine Coy Fohr  
God of the past who raised up prophets to speak truth to power:  
**We are here to thank you.**  
God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:  
**We are here because we trust you.**  
God of the present who continues to walk with us and guide us:  
**We are here to praise you.**


 **\*HYMN 643** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT


 **CALL TO CONFESSION** Jim Hubert

 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You offer us the gift of salvation, but we spend our lives in vain pursuits. You provide enough for all to share, but we store up treasures for ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek the way of heaven, and to let go of earthly desires so that we might have abundant life.**  
*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 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!**

The time after Pentecost Sunday in June through the Reign of Christ Sunday in late November is often referred to as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time isn't meant to be mundane, but rather an intentional time of reflection, growth, and celebration of the resurrection. Worship in this season invites a steady rhythm of faith.

What does baptism have to do with confession? Pouring those waters reminds us that no matter how we have messed up, God's grace comes before and behind, over and above anything we say or do — even if we haven't yet been baptized!

Children and adults  
who will begin a new  
school year soon are  
welcome to come  
forward to receive a  
blessing for the new  
year.

In this Gospel teaching,  
“what is at stake, at  
the most basic level, is  
what our practices with  
regard to ‘things’  
proclaim about our  
understanding of God  
and God’s plans. The  
fool...takes no account  
of God in his plans, for  
example, and is  
therefore implicated in  
greed.” (The New  
Interpreters Study  
Bible)



## \*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 582)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

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*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*



TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES *Blessing of the Backpacks* Katherine Kubar  
Congregational Response: **As God is with you here, God is with you there.**

## THE WORD



### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Bev Hampton



### THE FIRST READING

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

those redeemed from trouble

and gathered in from the lands,

from the east and from the west,

from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,

finding no way to an inhabited town;

hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

and God delivered them from their distress;

he led them by a straight way,

until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the Lord for this steadfast love,

for these wonderful works to humankind.

For God satisfies the thirsty,

and fills the hungry with good things.

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things,

and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.



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



### THE SECOND READING

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to



him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



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



SERMON

Caroline Wood



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Brief Statement 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!"**



INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Katherine Kubar



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christine Coy Fohr



OFFERTORY *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Roland E. Martin  
Summer Choir



**\*DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 609)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Being introduced in worship today are Doug and Karen Curnutte, Corby and Emily Ewing and their children Asa, Edy, and Lena; Michelle Niehaus and Chuck Worley and their son Nate; Jane Elkin Thomas; Guinevere Smith; and Gabe and Tara Duverge and their children Will and Jules.*

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



## THE EUCHARIST

*Whether you're here for the first time or you've walked through these doors a hundred times, know that you're welcome at Christ's table.*



### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christine Coy Fohr



### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Caroline Wood

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.**



### 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

Caroline Wood

## THE SENDING



### \*HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE



### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Caroline Wood



### \*\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Festal Recessional*

Nielsen

*\*Just as the Opening Voluntary prepares us for worship, the Closing Voluntary sends us forth with God's blessing. You are welcome to remain seated or to leave during the Closing Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please do so quietly, waiting until you are in the Foyer to enjoy fellowship with one another.*

# Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, Pastor  
Rev. Katherine Kubar, Associate Pastor for Discipleship  
Renata DeWees, Director of Youth Ministries (6th — 12th)  
Kristy Hubert, Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care  
Rev. Jim Hubert, Co-Coordinator of Pastoral Care  
Larry Brandenburg, Minister of Music  
Tim Baker, Organist/Assistant Director of Music  
Beth Brandenburg, Director of Children's Choir  
Tessy Farrell, Nursery Coordinator  
Amy Squires, Harvey Browne Preschool Director  
Cheryl Granger, Church Administrator  
Grace Graves, Administrative Assistant  
Tim Miller, Building Manager  
James Logan, Assistant Building Manager  
Carl Enoch, Sign Language Interpreter

## THE SESSION

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

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Laura Krausen, Christian Education	Ben Blake, Welcome	Alex Bumpas, Personnel
Marcia Lewis, Finance	Mary Esch, Welcome	Ben Durham, Welcome
Mike Hunter, Property	Tom Frentz, Personnel	Kim Harrod, Worship & Music
Becky Evans, Preschool	Linda Garrett, Congregational Life	Tom Hughes, Finance
Doug Grogg, Christian Education	Lynn Overstreet, Property	Jean Wolph, Outreach

## TRUSTEES

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Lance Christell	Brian Pollock, Chair	George Creznic
Dee Pregliasco	Leslie Whitehouse	Sara Sutphin, Vice-Chair

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nancy Pollock	Angie Schulte	Nancy Rissler
Bob Smith	Ellen Zuber	
Bill Bliven		

# AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**August 3**

Guest Preacher

Caroline  
Wood

**August 10**

Guest Preacher

Hunter  
Farrell

**August 17**

**10:00\***

Service Worship  
Sunday

\*Service Worship will begin at  
10:00 in the Sanctuary.  
Note the time change.

**August 24**

Hymn Sing  
Sunday

**August 31**

Guest Preacher

John  
McClure



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