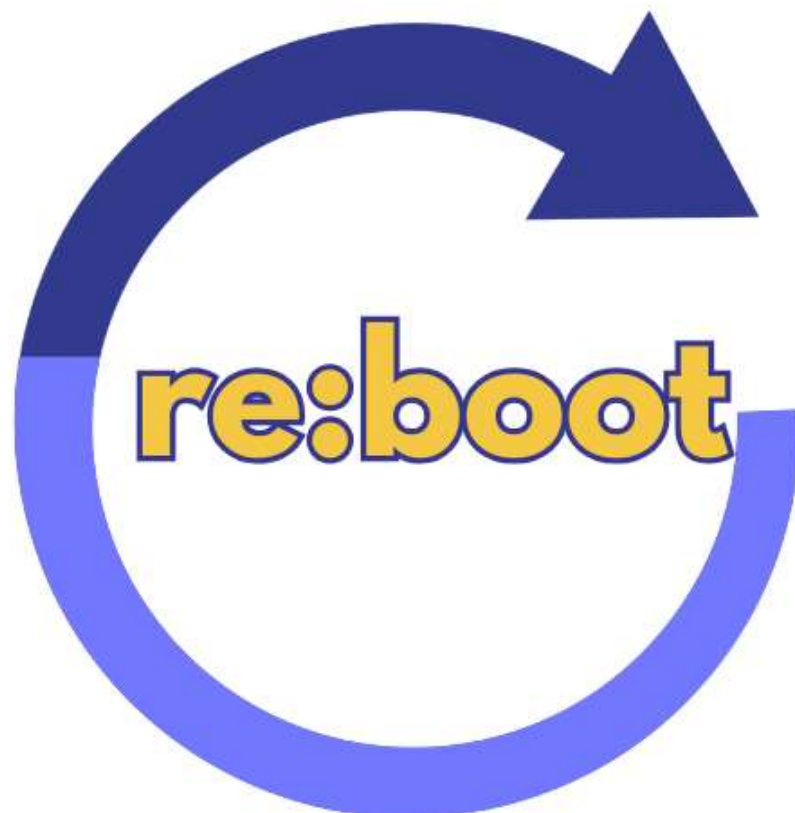




REFRESHING A PRACTICE OF DISCIPLESHIP

September 6, 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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

THE GATHERING

*This month in worship
we are giving our
faith a Re:Boot,
exploring how ancient
practices can lead us
into deeper forms of
discipleship.*



PRELUDE

I Will Always Love You

arr. Lorie Line



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christine Coy Fohr

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christine Coy Fohr

We gather as those who believe:

that this world still has hope;

that this time still has meaning;

that God's work is not yet finished.

We gather as witnesses to what God can do:

restoring what was wounded;

rebuilding what seemed in ruins.

So, come; celebrate the Good News!

Let us gather as those ready to be made new.



*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES



CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim Hubert

*A call to confession
reminds us of God's
initiative in the work
of reconciliation,
inviting us to know
peace both with God
and one another.*



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

we confess that we have failed to live

as you instruct us to live.

**We have valued protecting the status quo
over protecting the vulnerable.**

**We have valued nurturing the "big tent"
over ensuring the safety of those at risk.**

**We have valued "keeping the peace"
over the hard work of true shalom.**

Forgive us, O God, and remove our cowardice.

Help us to embrace the peace you call us to

that, together, we may dwell in the peace of Christ.

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!**



*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 CHILDREN

Katherine Kuper

THE WORD



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ellen Zuber



THE FIRST READING

Romans 12: 1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.



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



THE SECOND READING

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.



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

While today's passage is often understood as Jesus' recipe for "church discipline", it is actually "describing what life looks like in a community committed to protecting the vulnerable, telling the truth, and pursuing reconciliation." (Timothy Adkins-Jones, *Christian Century* September 2026)

 SERMON

Christine Coy Fohr

 *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christine Coy Fohr

The Affirmation of Faith is from A Brief Statement of Faith, written to commemorate the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States in 1983.

**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 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BORONITA

 INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Katherine Kubar

 OFFERTORY

Holy Manna

arr. Joel Raney

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

 *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.*

THE EUCHARIST

 INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christine Coy Fohr

 GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Katherine Kubar

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.



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



BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Christine Coy Fohr

THE SENDING



*HYMN 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Christine Coy Fohr



*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 418)

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

"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."
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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

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

Class of 2029

Jim Mackell, Property
Robert Rennie, Worship & Music
Jennifer Thalman-Kepler,
Outreach, Worship & Music
Evelyn Yu
Brad Zuber, Christian Education

TRUSTEES

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Brian Pollock, Co-Chair
Pam Greenwell

Class of 2028

George Creznic
Sara Sutphin, Co-Chair

Class of 2028

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BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2027

Angie Schulte
Ellen Zuber

Class of 2028

Nancy Rissler, Chair
Bob Smith

Class of 2029

Veda Pendleton
Nancy Pollock

Fall 2026 Kick-off Week!

Kick-Off marks the return of church programming activities!

SUNDAY **September 13**

9:00 AM

Breakfast in Eline Hall

9:20 AM

Kick-off Celebration in Eline Hall

9:30 AM

All ages dismissed to Sunday School classes including Mosaic for children, FRIENDS class, Sharing Our Journey, and HB University

10:30 PM

Worship

WEDNESDAY **September 16**

5:15 pm

Doors Open for Dinner in Emory Hall (gym)

5:30 PM

Dinner Served (Adults \$10, Children \$5, family cap of \$25)

6:00 PM

Programming including Mosaic for children, Lectionary Bible Study, Youth Group, and Handbells

7:00 PM

Chancel Coir Rehearsal

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