

Big, Bold Stories

June 1, 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

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THE GATHERING


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


 OPENING VOLUNTARY *Morning Song* Sherman

 *CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, children of God!
See what it is to serve our God.
See what it is to follow. See what it is to trust.
See what it is to live a life of faith.
Come, children of God!
**See what it is to serve with
energy, intelligence, imagination and love.** Christine Coy Fohr


 *HYMN 770 *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* WELCOME TABLE


 CALL TO CONFESSION Kristy Hubert

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**God of grace, so often in our life of faith, our biggest stumbling block
is our own heart. Despite your call to forgiveness, we carry wounds
deeply within us. We harbor resentments. We can't let go of old pain.
Forgive us, O God. Help us to know the power of forgiveness. Help us
begin the work of reconciliation. Free us from the burdens we carry
that we might follow you with joy.**
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 623) PEACE LIKE A RIVER
*I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.*

 *PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Every person ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is asked the question: "will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?" This month, we are looking at some of scripture's big stories and thinking about how they demonstrate ways to serve God with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Consider how these stories instruct you as you embark on the big story of your life.



*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 623)

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
 I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.
 I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
 I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.*



TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Katherine Kubar

THE WORD



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Bill Bliven



THE FIRST READING

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
 when kindred live together in unity!
 It is like the precious oil on the head,
 running down upon the beard,
 on the beard of Aaron,
 running down over the collar of his robes.
 It is like the dew of Hermon,
 which falls on the mountains of Zion.
 For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
 life forevermore.



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



THE SECOND READING

Genesis 45: 1-15, 25-28

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; the Living God has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I

The story of Joseph is a big bold story in the book of Genesis that fills chapters 37 to 50 with the dramatic account of Joseph's life. These 19 chapters include sibling jealousy, a fractured family, murderous intentions, the enslavement of people, deception, imperial power, and ultimately, a shocking perspective on grace and the meaning of power.

am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. And they told him, “Joseph is still alive! He is even ruler over all the land of Egypt.” He was stunned; he could not believe them. But when they told him all the words of Joseph that he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. Israel said, “Enough! My son Joseph is still alive. I must go and see him before I die.”

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

☞ SERMON

Jim Hubert

☞ BLESSINGS FOR SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

Katherine Kubar

☞ *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!”

☞ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christine Coy Fohr

☞ OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts
Summer Choir

arr. Mark Schweizer

☞ *DOXOLOGY (Hymn 837)

SHOWALTER

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

THE EUCHARIST

☞ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Katherine Kubar

☞ GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christine Coy Fohr

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Today we bless the youth and their leaders for their safe travels on their upcoming trips. May God be with them as they go and as they grow!

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



Whether young or old, first-time visitor or long time member, know that you are welcome to Christ’s table.

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

Katherine Kuper

THE SENDING



*HYMN 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'LL FLY AWAY



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Jim Hubert



**CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Laudation

Johnson

***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
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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		

*big***BOLD**STORIES

SERVING GOD WITH ENERGY.
INTELLIGENCE, IMAGINATION, & LOVE

JUNE 1

JOSEPH

Genesis 45: 1-15, 25-28

JUNE 8

TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 11: 1-9

JUNE 15

DANIEL

Daniel 6: 10-23

JUNE 22

ESTHER

Esther 4: 14

JUNE 29

ISRAELITES' EXODUS

Exodus 13:17-22



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