



Big, Bold Stories

June 8, 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
Pentecost Sunday
God Delights in Diversity
June 8, 2025

THE GATHERING



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Katherine Kubar



OPENING VOLUNTARY

Veni Creator Spiritus

Durufle



*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.

Katherine Kubar



*HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT



CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim Hubert



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wind and flame, You created us in your image—beautifully diverse, wildly creative, and meant to live in community across every land and language. Yet we confess that we have often chosen uniformity over diversity, comfort over calling, control over trust. We silence voices that are not our own and draw lines where you would build bridges. Forgive us, O God. Scatter what needs to be undone in us. Gather us anew—formed not by fear, but by your fire. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Silence is kept for personal prayer.

Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. Pentecost is a day of new creation—all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. (Book of Common Worship)



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!**

On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world.

"This story [the Tower of Babel] has often been interpreted as an example of human pride and divine punishment, but it is more likely an account of the human drive for homogeneity in conflict with the divine plan for diversity." (New Interpreter's Study Bible)



*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

Christine Coy Fohr

THE WORD



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Dawn Cundiff



THE FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



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



THE SECOND READING

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built.

And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



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



SERMON

Katherine Kubar

☞) *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death and irreconciliation and hatred. We believe that unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin; and that this unity is manifested in that we love one another and that we upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another.

☞) INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Christine Coy Fohr

🎵 OFFERTORY *The Lone Wild Bird* arr. Schweitzer
Summer Choir

🎵 *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 Kupar

☞) GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christine Coy Fohr

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

Katherine Kupar

Confession of Belhar came out of apartheid South Africa. The Dutch Reformed Mission Church wrote it in response to an embodiment of racial separation within the church in South Africa. The Confession calls for the church of Jesus Christ to be united as one and to reject any doctrine which sanctions the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color. The Presbyterian Church (USA) approved the Confession of Belhar as part of the Book of Confessions at the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

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.

THE SENDING

Words by Shirley Erena
Murray; rev. Daniel
Charles Damon and
Carl P. Daw, Jr.



*HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born a star overhead,*

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

*For all who share life, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for all who share life, a system that's fair. Refrain.*

*For those we neglect, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for those we neglect, the right to belong. Refrain.*

*For all who have breath, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for all who have breath, the chalice of grace. Refrain.*

*For you and for me, a place at the table,
though wounded and sore, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for you and for me, a new way to live. Refrain.*



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Katherine Kubar



ANNUAL FIRE DRILL AND PENTECOST PICNIC

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		

*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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