Harvey Browne
Presbyterian Church



Pledge Sunday

November 8, 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

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24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Christine Coy Fohr

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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM — *We Are Thankful!* — *Mosaic* — See lyrics p. 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Christine Coy Fohr

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
We gather to tell the stories of how God has
heard, delivered, guided, and provided.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Even when the people have forgotten, God has remembered.
Even when we have wandered, God draws us in.
Come, let us worship the God
whose steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN 305 — *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* — DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION — Jim Hubert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God,
we say we want to serve you,
but we hesitate to put in the work.
We say we long for the day you will bring,
but do not do the work of preparing for your kin-dom on this earth.
Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action.
Surprise us with your presence so we might learn
to always be ready for you to arrive.

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.

Today is our final Sunday in our series "A Future With Hope." Over the last several weeks, we have considered what it means for us to trust in the future God prepares for us. Some themes we have considered are how people before us planted seeds that have grown into the church we now know and love. Today, we honor the work of our Deacons and how their ministry of care is part of that tending.

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.

*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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Justin Harrison

THE FIRST READING Psalm 78:1-7

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden from of old –
The things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We won't hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation.

We'll tell them of
your praiseworthy deeds,
your power, and the wonders you have performed.
You set up statues for our forebears,
and established the law in Israel,
which you commanded our ancestors to teach their children
so the next generation would know them –
children yet to be born –
and as they come up,
they would tell their own children.
Then they would put their trust in you
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments.

As the liturgical year nears its conclusion with Reign of Christ Sunday (Nov. 22), the lectionary readings turn more apocalyptic, telling of a "Future With Hope" that we must keep alert for. How does Jeremiah's promise that God knows God's plans for us correspond with today's emphasis on keeping alert? As we worship today, consider what it looks like to "keep alert" – maybe through prayer, through care, and through acts of service.

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

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps* arr. André Thomas

TIME WITH CHILDREN Katherine Kupar

THE SECOND READING Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their

lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

SERMON — Christine Coy Fohr

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Katherine Kupar

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 720 — *Jesus Calls Us* — GALILEE
Stanzas 1 and 2

DEACON RECOGNITION

Today we give thanks for the dedicated service of our deacons, who provide a ministry of care and connection within our Harvey Browne community.

HYMN 720 — *Jesus Calls Us* — GALILEE
Stanzas 3 and 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER — Molly Pollock

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP — Katherine Kupar

OFFERTORY — *Jesus Calls Us* — *arr. Gene Roberson*

*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 Deacons being recognized today are Linda Brantley, Bob Brown, Sarah Bumpas, Laura Carter, Sandy Creznic, Dawn Cundiff, Jane Doehnert, Jane Dyer, Mary Esch, Emily Ewing, William Frentz, Margi Garcia, Paul Garcia, Jim McCabe, Veda Pendleton, Molly Pollock, Nancy Pollock, Robert Rennie, Nancy Rissler, Mike Rodgers, Linda Schoolcraft, Angie Schulte, Bob Smith, Judy Stubbs, Sara Tuttle, Jeanne Ward, Rick Williams, Ellen Zuber, and Sarah Zuber.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to you, O God:
to your realm of compassion and peace.
May these offerings be used to your glory,
offering hope and empowering love in word and deed. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 771 *What is the World Like* NEW WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Christine Coy Fohr

We're Thankful!
Words by the Mosaic children, Music by Megan Durham

We're thankful for birdies singing,
For dogs and cats at play,
For dolphins, humpback whales,
and axolotls every day!
We're thankful for autumn leaves,
For nature, sun, and moon,
For lightbulbs shining bright,
And for the color blue.

Thankfulness looks like a hug,
Being a friend and sharing love.
Thankfulness sounds like, “I love this feast!”
Church songs we sing, and just to exist!

We're thankful for our family,
friends and neighbors' kind,
For shelter, school, and books,
And math that bends our minds.
For French toast sticks and hot dogs,
Whipped cream and ice cream, too!
For clocks that tick and tornadoes' power,
And everything we do.

Thankfulness looks like a hug,
Being a friend and sharing love.
Thankfulness sounds like, “I love this feast!”
Church songs we sing, and just to exist!

Most of all we're thankful
For God and Jesus' love,
For every gift around us
And every gift above!

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church

CHURCH STAFF

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Katherine Kupar, Associate Pastor

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Renata DeWees, Director of Youth Ministries (6th – 12th)

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Cheryl Granger, Church Administrator

Grace Graces, Administrative Assistant

Tim Miller, Building Manager

HARVEY BROWNE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Leland Howard, father of Renata DeWees; Betsy and Michael Brill on the birth of their son Henry David Brill born October 30; Tom Osborne; Raymond Meester; MJ Helms on the death of her husband Rev. Jim Krauss-Jackson who passed away on October 25; Dave Kleinkopf, father of Katie Kleinkopf and father-in-law of Robert Rennie; Lynn Cole and Myra Earley and family on the birth of their great grandson Clark, born October 23; Kathy Williams; Judy Laning; Sandi Percival; Jim Boswell; Debi Ballard; Marsha Howard, mother of Renata DeWees; Mary Curnutte, daughter of Doug and Karen Curnutte; Greta Marcum; Sue Kyle, friend of Ramona and Rhonda Woodcock; Joan Spratt; Kevin Hicks, son of Jean Wolph; Joyce Elmore, sister of Mark Wood; Jen McClain, daughter of Veda Pendleton; Janet Redford; Peggy & Woody Mull; John Buchanan, son of Dorothy Buchanan; Barb and Tom Benkert, relatives of Lynn Cole; Lois & Peter Laning, Sister-in-law & brother of Judy Laning; Diana, daughter of Edith Light

If you would like to be added to the weekly prayer email, please email Cheryl at Cherylgranger@hbpres.net



There's a lot to be thankful for at Harvey Browne: a community that supports one another through life's ups and downs, a congregation that shares God's love in word and action, and a church with deep roots and a hopeful future.

As we look ahead, we do so with hope: hope for the ways God will continue to work through this congregation, hope for the people we will welcome and serve, and hope for the ministries we will share together. Stewardship is one way we help make that future possible.

We invite you to be part of Harvey Browne's future with hope by sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. *Please let us know your plans for giving in 2027 by turning in your pledge card on Pledge Sunday, November 8th*. Your pledge helps the Session plan for the year ahead and supports the worship, learning, care, and service that make our life together possible. You can place your pledge card in the offering plate, send it to the church office, or use our online pledge card at https://tinyurl.com/HBPledge2027.

Thank you for helping Harvey Browne grow into the future God is calling us toward—with hope, generosity, and faith.

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