

September 14, 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
14th Sunday After Pentecost
Season of Peace: The Power to Persevere
September 14, 2025

THE GATHERING


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

 **OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Prayer for Peace* Smith


 ***CALL TO WORSHIP** Christine Coy Fohr
Let us be peacemakers.
Let us be called the children of God:
Speaking boldly with love and conviction,
Building together a world of justice and joy.
Let us be peacemakers.
Let us be called the children of God!

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


 **CALL TO CONFESSION** Jim Hubert


 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God of grace, you call us to build peace in this world, loving our neighbor, turning the other cheek, and living in hope where the world provides only despair. Too often, our lives do not reflect your ways of peace. We fear our neighbor, nurse our grudges, and buy the vision of hopelessness rather than offering another way. Forgive us, O God. Seek us out, especially when we seem lost. Empower us to persevere in the work of reconciliation, that your way of peace may be known.

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!**

What is the Season of Peace? Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA), this monthlong pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration and education where participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers. To sign up for a daily Season of Peace devotional, visit pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

When we “remember our baptisms”, we are not just invited to remember the moment we were baptized (which might not have happened yet or which most can’t remember), but to remember the grace of God that surrounds us, made known most profoundly through the waters of baptism.



*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 YOUNG DISCIPLES

Katherine Kubar

THE WORD



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ellen Zuber



THE FIRST READING

Psalms 139: 1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.



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



THE SECOND READING

Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



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

This teaching of Jesus contains three stories: the shepherd and the sheep, the woman and the lost coin, and the story of the prodigal son. While the lectionary does not include the third story, how do you think it adds to Jesus' teaching? Why do you think the lectionary chose to exclude it?

» *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*)

We are called to be obedient to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who loves the whole world and who invites us to be stewards of the earth and servants of his people, to be co-workers in the new Creation. Let us be peacemakers. Let us be called the children of God, speaking boldly with moral conviction to the nation and to the world; building with God's grace, a new moral order in the world community; and acting now for world peace — an enterprise of justice, an outcome of love.

» PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Robert Rennie

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.

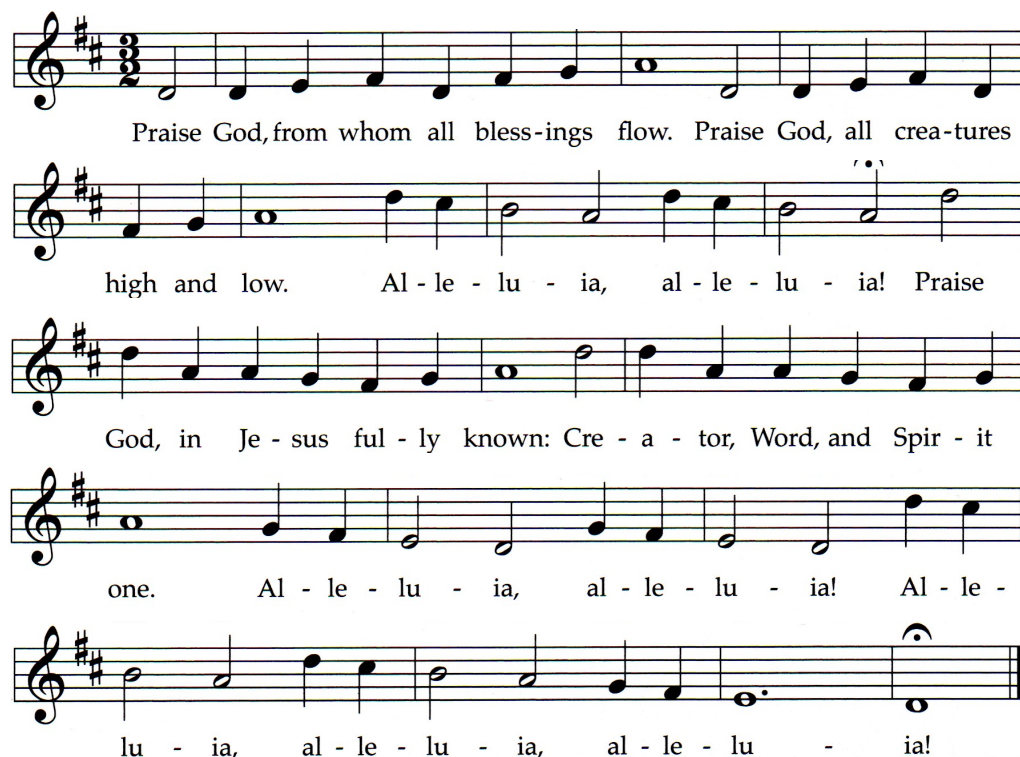
» INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Katherine Kubar

The Special Offering is for the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

» OFFERTORY *Come, Peace of God* Eugene Butler
Chancel 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!

Both the Call to Worship and the Affirmation of Faith come from 'A Psalm of Peacemaking' found in the document 'Peacemaking: The Believers Calling', which was produced by the General Assembly of The United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1980.

This offering is our way of supporting God's ministry in the world, both here in this congregation and beyond its walls. How can you use the resources you have to further God's work of peace in the world?

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





*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 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Christine Coy Fohr



**CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Peace, Empathy, And Compassion's Essence* Grainger

***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
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THE SESSION

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