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Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church
April 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Portuguese worship service
10:20 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
11:15 a.m. – English worship service

We are glad you have joined us today!

We offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please pick up a gift bag from the Welcome Table in the hallway. If you are looking for a church home or would like to meet with the pastor or have a prayer request, please fill out the connection card in your pew or in the welcome bag and place it on the collection plate. Take advantage of our weekly Christian Education offerings! At 10:20 a.m. we have a Sunday school class for every age.

- **Nursery:** Ages 0-2 years – Meets in the nursery, located right inside the sanctuary doors on the right. Supervisor: Crystal Goretti.
Teachers: Rotating group of volunteers
- **Toddler Class:** Ages 2-5 – Meets downstairs, Room #106A
Teachers: Sonia Sousa and Pamella Sousa
Curriculum: Jesus Storybook Bible
- **Early Elementary:** Kindergarten to Grade 2 – Meets downstairs, Room #106B
Teachers: Jennie Gerardi and Laura Haines
Helper: Elaine Ticker
Curriculum: I AM, 40 Stories
- **Upper Elementary:** Grades 3-5 – Meets downstairs, Room #105
Teachers: Naomi Trask and Deb Jack.
Curriculum: Forged: Faith Refined
- **Middle School:** grades 6-8 – meets in the classroom on the stage in the Boyer auditorium – currently studying the 10 commandments
Teachers: Becca Jo Yourko and Sarah Pannacker
- **High School:** Grades 9-12 (and beyond) – Meets upstairs in VCS building, Room #308:
Teachers: Charles Foster, Lily Coehlo, and Matt Schaper
- **Adult Sunday school:** Pastors Dan Morrison and Bruno Sousa will lead the English-language adult Sunday school class in the Lounge. The class will run parallel with the sermon series on the Book of Revelation and will provide historical, biblical, and theological background material we will not have time for in the sermons.
- **We also provide nursery care** (birth to age 3). When the nursery is not being used by young children, we will continue to have the service streamed into the room. Please feel free to use it as a family room for children up to age 5 if staying in the service is not a possibility. There will be a nursery worker with your child at all times.



Please mute your phone.
THANK YOU!

ORDER FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

* = *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Choir
Words of Welcome		Jennie Gerardi
Stewardship Minute		Jordan Goretti
Small Group Minute		Charlene Crawford
*Unison Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 6 (ESV)</i>	Jennie Gerardi

- ¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.
- ² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- ³ My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O LORD—how long?
- ⁴ Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- ⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- ⁶ I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- ⁷ My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- ⁹ The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- ¹⁰ All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

Prayer of Invocation

Jon Haines

***♪ Rejoice, the Lord is King (Hymn #177)**

All

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up, to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

First Reading

Nahum 1:1-8 (ESV)

Anthony Gerardi

***♪ Lamb of God**

All

You came from heaven's throne
Acquainted with our sorrow
To trade the debt we owe
Your suff'ring for our freedom

The Lamb of God in my place
Your blood poured out my sin erased
It was my death You died I am raised to life
Hallelujah the Lamb of God

My name upon Your heart
My shame upon Your shoulders
The pow'r of sin undone
The cross for my salvation

There is no greater love
There is no greater love
The Savior lifted up
There is no greater love

Passing of the Peace

All

Response*"There's a Quiet Understanding" (Hymn #204)*

All

There's a quiet understanding,
 When we're gathered in the Spirit
 It's a promise that He gives us,
 When we gather in His name.

And we know when we're together,
 Sharing love and understanding,
 That our brothers and our sisters,
 Feel the oneness that He brings.

There's a love we feel in Jesus,
 There's a manna that He feeds us,
 It's a promise that He gives us,
 When we gather in His name.

Thank You, thank You, thank You
 Jesus,
 For the way You love and feed us,
 For the many ways You lead us,
 Thank You, thank You, Lord.

Offering

Jon Haines

Choral Anthem*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Choir

Doxology*Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer*

Dan Morrison

Second Reading*Revelation 6:1-17 (ESV)*

Dan Morrison

Sermon*Seven Seals and the Wrath of God*

Dan Morrison

O Lord, our God, to You we come
Will You still hide Your face?
We cry before You and on our knees we pray
How long, O Lord, how long?

Our sorrows leave us weak and worn
Surrounded by our fears
We look to heaven through feeble faith and tears
How long, O Lord, how long?

Till Your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied
How long, O Lord, how long?

Our foes and enemies rejoice
Injustice seems to reign
Lord, we are shaken and we are losing strength
How long, O Lord, how long?

But we will trust Your steadfast love
Your grace will be our song
You bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun
How long, O Lord, how long?

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It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows
Like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part
But the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back
As a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

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First Reading: Nahum 1:1-8 (ESV)

¹ An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

² The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;
the LORD is avenging and wrathful;
the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries
and keeps wrath for his enemies.

³ The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.
His way is in whirlwind and storm,
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;
he dries up all the rivers;
Bashan and Carmel wither;
the bloom of Lebanon withers.

⁵ The mountains quake before him;
the hills melt;
the earth heaves before him,
the world and all who dwell in it.

⁶ Who can stand before his indignation?
Who can endure the heat of his anger?
His wrath is poured out like fire,
and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

⁷ The LORD is good,
a stronghold in the day of trouble;
he knows those who take refuge in him.

⁸ But with an overflowing flood
he will make a complete end of the adversaries,
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

Second Reading: Revelation 6:1-17 (ESV)

¹ Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

³ When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

⁴ And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

⁵ When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand.

⁶ And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

⁷ When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸ And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

This Week of 4/14 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
I Timothy 5:2 Women's Bible Study	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Session Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Dan Morrison
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday	12:45 p.m.	Contact Naomi Trask
Staff Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jon Haines
Anchored	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Contact Deb Jack
Friday Evening Online Prayer Meeting	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
ELL Classes	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Eva Morrison
Valley Youth Group	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office

Contact the church office for information (office@HVPC.org; 215-947-5500).

Food Bank Collection

Bring the food! For April, please bring rice, pasta, crackers, popcorn, as well as other non-perishable foods. Personal care items are helpful, i.e., toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, diapers, baby food and baby wipes, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Goretti; acheeg85@gmail.com, 201-213-2758.

Online prayer meetings: Shari Hofstetter hosts prayer meetings on Google Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and prayer for Missions each Friday at 5:00 p.m. For info, contact Shari Hofstetter chaplainshari94@gmail.com. Use the link meet.google.com/bqw-vgnh-wnx for Wednesday, meet.google.com/kex-umjj-czk for Thursday, and meet.google.com/cfg-xnje-axt for Friday.

Greeters: This important ministry is seeking volunteers, whether you have or have not volunteered before. The sign-up page is <http://bit.ly/HVPCgreeting>. You may also contact Joyce Codispoti directly at 215-478-3299, jjcods@verizon.net.

Vacation Bible School is July 8 through 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Summer may seem far away, but it comes upon us so quickly. If you are interested in helping, please contact Naomi Trask at 215-639-6186. Her email is: trasknaomi001@gmail.com There are many ways to minister to our church and our community during this activity. Please pray about it and let us know what position would fit you best.

The Food Bank Basket has been filling up consistently. We thank God for your generosity! When donating food, please place the food in a bag to make it easier to transport. Thank you!

English Language Learners



Hello Church,

We cordially invite you to join our English Language Learners (ELL) Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those learning English as a second language. Classes will meet weekly on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Here are several opportunities to join our team:

- **Teach (lead a class of 8 - 10 beginners)**
- **Assist (set up and participate)**
- **Snacks (provide a simple snack for three classes)**

To register please click [here](#) or scan the QR code below or contact Eva Morrison at 267-847-8233 or morrison.eva@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make a difference in our community!

Warmly,
Your ELL Ministry Team

**Scan with your phone camera,
and tap the yellow link to complete signup.**





We wish a Happy Birthday to those born in April!

Barbara Daniel, 5th

Karen James, 6th

Eduardo Felipe Macedo, 6th

Kenny Davis, 7th

Betty Anne Jones, 10th

Maria Geralda de Paula, 12th

Will Waring, 13th

Pat Sarajian, 14th

Andreia Joselma Kautzmann
Machoviack, 15th

Charles Foster, 17th

Maureen Sweeney, 21st

Iran Sousa, 23rd

Ana Karollina Resende Souza, 25th

Julia Kellogg, 26th

Bruno Sousa, 26th

Isaac Brobst, 28th

Susan Daniel, 30th

Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** – This co-ed study meets every second and fourth Fridays of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Joan Clover's apartment, above the Church Office. The study topic is the book of James. Deb Jack (jackfam5@comcast.net; 215-260-4564).
- **Circle of Hope** – On April 8, we had the Circle of Hope meeting with six in attendance, but everyone seemed to share and enjoy The Chosen. We are going to meet from now on every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Judy Scott's apartment, Gloria Dei Manor Apt. #31. We have room for a few more people. Pastor Dan leads the study of "The Chosen" with discussion to follow after the DVD is shown. We are offering fellowship and light snacks. Any questions call Pastor Dan or Judy Scott (jtscott2022@comcast.net; 215-500-2747).
- **Miriam Circle** – This women's Bible study small group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at church in the Lounge Room #209. For more information, contact Pat Sarajian (sarajian@comcat.com; 215-485-0184).
- **I Timothy 5:2 Women's Bible Study** – Charlene Crawford is leading the group and is studying the book of Psalms. This small group meets on the first three Mondays of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This study is virtual and simultaneously in person and welcome to members and friends. The online study opens at 6:45 p.m. for anyone who wants to fellowship before diving into the Word. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82074515376?pwd=OEJYQUliYkJGUW5VQ0tEZFFrVXA0dz09> Meeting ID: 820 7451 5376 Passcode: 948816. Contact Charlene Crawford (godlydiva@aol.com; 215-432-7542).
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – This cigar friendly men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ungerman Barn. Contact Jordan Goretti (creelowns@gmail.com; 610-554-0259).
- **Valley Youth Group** – The group meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at HVPC every other Friday. All youth grades 6-12 are invited. Contact the church office (office@hvpc.org; 215-947-5500).
- **Women's Bible Study** – This group meets every other Wednesday from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided. The Bible study meets in the Lounge and is studying the book of Hosea. Contact Naomi Trask (trasknaomi001@gmail.com; 215-630-6186).
- **Connections-Discipleship Group Study** – The group meets every third Sunday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Pastor Dan's house. Discussion topics will vary, and a meal will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish if you are so inclined. Contact Cynthia Cornish (cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com; 484-640-9856).

Prayer Requests & Praises

NOTE: If you have a prayer request to be added, updated, or removed please contact the Church Office (office@HVPC.org; 215-947-5500).

- **Aikens, Ginny** – Lift up Ginny Aikens in your prayers as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. The opposite knee is now giving her pain. Pray for pain relief.
- **Clayton, David** – David is diagnosed with bone cancer. Please pray for his health and that his walk with Christ would be strengthened.
- **Clover, Joan** – Keep Joan in your prayers as she continues to cope with nerve pain.
- **Fleming, David** – David Fleming is in rehab. Keep him and Joyce in your prayers.
- **Foster, Chelsea** – Pray for the family of Craig Stephens who was murdered. He leaves behind a 10-year-old son.
- **Hofstetter, Shari** – Please praise God with us! My brother Billy is cancer-free and praising God for His grace and mercy. Continue to pray that he remains that way and that my cousin Bobby will do well on his reduced chemo regimen, that he would become cancer free as well, that he would know Jesus as his savior. Thank you all.
- **Marron, Gail** – Remember Gail Marron in your prayers as she suffers with lower back pain.
- **Oduneye, Mofe** – Mofe injured her knee and is in pain. Pray for her as she does physical therapy.
- **Scaffidi, Barb** – Barb's Mom was recently diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for her health and that her walk with Christ be strengthened.
- **Trask, Naomi** – Anna, her daughter-in-law's cousin's five-year-old has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Our Mission Statement

For God's glory, and by His power, we are a fellowship of sinners who worship God, study God's word, love all people, and share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional Essentials of our faith:

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.
6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth-personally, visibly, and bodily-to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)
7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10).



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