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Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church
April 28, 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 Pannapacker
- **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>How Long Oh Lord?</i>	Praise Band
Words of Welcome		Jordan Goretti
Small Group Minute		Dwayne and Cynthia Cornish
*Unison Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 141:1-4a, 8 (ESV)</i>	Jordan Goretti

- ¹ O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!
Give ear to my voice when I call to you!
- ² Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
- ³ Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;
keep watch over the door of my lips!
- ⁴ Do not let my heart incline to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds.

- ⁸ My eyes are toward you, O GOD, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

Prayer of Invocation

Jon Haines

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure, we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning, was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation, sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners, unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
Crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you, in its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of Glory now. A-men.

***♪ Before the Throne**

All

Before the throne of God above
 I have a strong and perfect plea
 A great High Priest whose name is love
 Who ever lives and pleads for me
 My name is graven on His hands
 My name is written on His heart
 I know that while in heav'n He stands
 No tongue can bid me thence depart
 No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
 And tells me of the guilt within
 Upward I look and see Him there
 Who made an end of all my sin
 Because the sinless Savior died
 My sinful soul is counted free
 For God the just is satisfied
 To look on Him and pardon me
 To look on Him and pardon me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
 Praise the One
 Risen Son of God

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
 My perfect spotless righteousness
 The great unchangeable I Am
 The King of Glory and of grace
 One with Himself I cannot die
 My soul is purchased by His blood
 My life is hid with Christ on high
 With Christ my Savior and my God
 With Christ my Savior and my God

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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*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Choir

Doxology*Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer*

Dan Morrison

Second Reading*Revelation 8 (ESV)*

Dan Morrison

Sermon*An Awed Hush While God Executes Justice*

Dan Morrison

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
(Whom shall I fear)

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful
You are faithful

CCLI Song #6440288 "Whom Shall I Fear" Words and Music by Ed Cash, Scott Cash, and Chris Tomlin © 2012 Worship Together Music CCLI License #1545647

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

First Reading: Habakkuk 2:12-20 (ESV)

12 “Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

14 For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

15 “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,
in order to gaze at their nakedness!

16 You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!
The cup in the LORD's right hand
will come around to you,
and utter shame will come upon your glory!

17 The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

18 “What profit is an idol
when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?
For its maker trusts in his own creation
when he makes speechless idols!

19 Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!
Can this teach?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.

20 But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Second Reading: Revelation 8 (ESV)

¹ When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, ⁴ and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

⁶ Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷ The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹ A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

¹² The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

¹³ Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

This Week of 4/28 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
5 th Tuesday Supper and Service	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday	12:45 p.m.	Contact Naomi Trask
Administration Board	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact George Hindley
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jon Haines
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
Church Work Day	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Contact Jon Haines

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

Food Bank Collection

Bring the food! For May, please bring cereal, oatmeal, honey, 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.

This current season of ELL will be finishing up on May 10th, and we've decided to combine it with our annual Chili Cookoff to celebrate all the progress our English learners have made! If you already signed up for the Cookoff when it was scheduled for April 27, please consider if you can come out May 10th at 6:30 p.m. instead to be part of this special celebration. If you can't make it, no worries, just cross your name off the list. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still plenty of time to think about coming out, either as a cookoff contestant or just to enjoy the fun! Signups for cooks and attendees are at the back of the sanctuary.

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 May!

Seth Fluder, 5th

Rosie Morrison, 8th

Micah Clark, 9th

Tammy Herwig, 14th

Itagyba Alves de Carvalho, 15th

Oliver Brobst, 18th

Bob Berkenstock, 18th

Liam Herwig, 25th

Lucas Herwig, 25th

Igor Ferreira da Silva, 26th

David Fleming, 27th

Mil Jasinski, 28th

Sam Wood, 29th

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** – We meet 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 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).
- **Daughters of the King** – 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=OEJYQUliYkJKGUW5VQ0tEZFFrVXA0dz09> 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. (Tonight, we'll meet in the Lounge). 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).

- **Clayton, David** – David is diagnosed with bone cancer. Please pray for his health and that his walk with Christ would be strengthened.
- **Clover, Joan** – Pray for Sam Clover's friends: Bonnie who has suffered with a stroke and will be receiving speech and physical therapy, and Rich who has leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Please pray for them as they cope with this difficult time.
- **Foster, Chelsea** – Please pray for Sarah Gammage as she is battling triple negative cancer. Lift up also her husband, Anthony, the pastor of New Life Dresher and their two children.
- **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.
- **Lucas, Flávia** – Please keep Flávia in prayer. Her son, Gabriel Dias, died suddenly. He leaves his wife and daughters and mother Flávia. Please pray for Flávia and the family in their time of bereavement.
- **Morrison, Eva** - Please keep Ulla in your prayers. She is recovering from surgery and faces recovery from cancer. Her husband, Wieland, has Alzheimer's and is unable to care for her. May her family and friends continue to provide companionship and comfort.
- **Marron, Gail** – Remember Gail Marron in your prayers as she suffers with lower back pain.
- **Sarajian, Pat** – Pray for Pat and Jay as she recovers in Holy Redeemer hospital. Her breathing and mobility are improving. Pray for Jay as he cares for his dear wife.
- **Scaffidi, Barb** – Barb's Mom was 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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