



Advent

PREPARING THE WAY

## Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church December 1, 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.

- **Toddlers: Ages 2-5** – During Sunday School, meets in the Nursery in the foyer.  
Teachers: Deb Jack and Sonia and Pamella Sousa.
- **Early Elementary: Kindergarten to Grade 2** – Upstairs, Room #304.  
Teachers: Crystal Goretti, Laura Haines, and Elaine Ticker.
- **Upper Elementary: Grades 3-5** – Upstairs, Room #306.  
Teachers: Naomi Trask and Jordan Goretti.
- **Middle School: grades 6-8** – Upstairs, Room #305.  
Teachers: Rosie Bruce, Eva Morrison, Rebekah Bramer, and Sarah Pannapacker.
- **High School: Grades 9-12 (and beyond)** – Upstairs, Room #308.  
Teachers: Charles Foster and Matheus Schaper.
- **Adult Sunday School:** We have adult Sunday school classes in both English and Portuguese. English class meets in the Lounge, Room #209 and is covering the Book of Genesis; Portuguese class meets in the Boyer Fellowship Hall, Room #201.
- **We also provide nursery care during both services** (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.*

♪ <b>Prelude</b>	<i>Keep the Feast</i>	Choir
<b>Words of Welcome</b>		Jordan Goretti
<b>Call to Worship and Lighting of Advent Candles</b>		Goretti Family

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**



# \*♪ Lift Up Your Heads

All

Georg Weissel, 1642  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789  
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the  
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!  
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.  
pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Merciful God,  
In your gracious presence  
We confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
We are a people divided against ourselves  
As we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor  
And nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
Of intellect and reason,  
And have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
As agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Crystal Goretti

**First Reading***Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)*

Crystal Goretti

**\*♪ Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Hymn #101)**

All

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged Seraph, Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as the ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high! Amen.

**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***Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming*

Choir

**Doxology***Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer*

Dan Morrison

**Second Reading***Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)*

Dan Morrison

**Sermon***Be alert at all times.*

Dan Morrison

**\*♪ What Child is This? (Hymn #105)**

All

What Child is this who laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
This, this is Christ the King,  
The babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**\*♪ Do Not Fear**

All

Humble virgin arise and take heart  
You've been chosen to carry a son  
Give no heed to the trembling inside  
For the wonder has only begun

Do not fear do not fear  
The child you will hold is the Savior foretold  
Drawing near  
Do not fear

Lowly shepherds look up and take heart  
See the glory of Heaven burn bright  
Hear the anthem of joy and good news  
Hope has dawned in a stable tonight

Do not fear do not fear  
The child in the hay is the Ancient of Days  
Drawing near  
Do not fear

Weary children be still and take heart  
Every longing you feel is a cry  
For the rest He has offered to all  
Come to Him for His burden is light

Do not fear do not fear  
The God who redeems you and ever will keep you  
Is near  
Do not fear

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**\* Benediction**

Bruno Sousa

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

## **Second Reading: Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”







## Happy Birthday to those born in December!

Anna Guaracao, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sam Clover, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Elaine Ticker, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Deb Jack, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lisa Berkenstock, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lillie Kellogg, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Elaine Mendes, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ironely Uceta, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Adam Brown, 18<sup>th</sup>

Annaliese Haines, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Natalia dos Reis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Divina da Silva, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Archibald Morrison, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Amanda Lipinski, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Noel Wolfe, 28<sup>th</sup>  
Bert Holmes, 28<sup>th</sup>  
Cecilia Ildefonso, 30<sup>th</sup>

The background features a light gray surface with various decorative elements. At the top, there are green leaves and branches. On the left, a white paint palette with blue, yellow, and red paint is visible. At the bottom, there are three paintbrushes. On the right, a green Christmas tree with red ornaments is partially shown.

# Ladies Night Out!

**COME PAINT, EAT, RELAX, AND HAVE FUN WITH  
YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST!**

**DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**5:00PM - 7:30 PM**

**HUNTINGDON VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE  
AND RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 12/3/24  
SO SUPPLIES CAN BE ORDERED.**

## Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** – Next meeting is December 13. The following are the dates for the group into June 2025: December 13 and 20, January 2025: 10 and 24, February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, and June 13. Contact Deb Jack ([jackfam5@comcast.net](mailto:jackfam5@comcast.net); 215-260-4564).
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is December 9. Circle of Hope meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group watches an episode and then discusses the Chosen. Any questions, call Judy Scott ([jtscott2022@comcast.net](mailto:jtscott2022@comcast.net); 215-500-2747).
- **Miriam Circle** – Next meeting is December 12. This women's Bible study small group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the church in the Lounge Room #209. For more information, contact Pat Sarajian ([sarajian@comcat.com](mailto:sarajian@comcat.com); 215-485-0184).
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is December 2. This combination Zoom and in-person group meets the first three Mondays of the month. Contact Charlene Crawford ([godlydiva@aol.com](mailto:godlydiva@aol.com); 267-279-9858).
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – Next meeting is December 2. 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](mailto:creelowns@gmail.com); 610-554-0259).
- **Valley Youth Group** – Next meeting is December 6. Contact the church office ([office@hvpc.org](mailto:office@hvpc.org); 215-947-5500).
- **Women's Bible Study** – Next meeting is December 11. The group meets every other week. Childcare is available. Contact Naomi Trask ([trasknaomi001@gmail.com](mailto:trasknaomi001@gmail.com); 215-630-6186).
- **Connections-Discipleship Group Study** – Next meeting is December 15. Contact Cynthia Cornish ([cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com); 484-640-9856).

## This Week of 12/1 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Daughters of the King	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Stogie Society	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
Deacons Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Josh Bruce
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Admin Board Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact George Hindley
Choir Practice	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Contact Susan Clark
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jon Haines
Online Prayer Meeting	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Online Prayer Meeting (Missions)	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Valley Youth Group	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Ladies Night Out	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford

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

### Food Bank Collection

**Bring the food!** For December, please consider donating canned meat, fish, and fruit, 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](mailto: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](mailto:chaplainshari94@gmail.com). Use the link [meet.google.com/bqw-vgnh-wnx](https://meet.google.com/bqw-vgnh-wnx) for Wednesday, [meet.google.com/kex-umjj-czk](https://meet.google.com/kex-umjj-czk) for Thursday, and [meet.google.com/cfg-xnje-axt](https://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](mailto:jjcods@verizon.net).

**The toddler Sunday school needs a way to play the DVDs** that go with our curriculum. Do you have an old laptop that can play DVDs, sitting around collecting dust, that you are willing to donate to us? See Naomi Trask or Deb Jack if you can help.

**Advent is upon us.** If you would like to light Advent candles during the service, please contact the church office so we can put you down on the schedule. We still have an opening for December 22.

**The Deacons will be sorting Christmas cards this year.** Please bring your cards in by December 15 and they will be distributed on December 22. We ask that you donate to the deacons the money you would have spent on postage.

## Prayer Requests & Praises

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

- **Clayton, David** – David has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Please pray for his health and that his walk with Christ would be strengthened.
- **Clover, Joan** – Pray for Joan as she continues to struggle with nerve pain.
- **Good, Barb** – Pray for Barb as she fell and broke her hip. Pray that God bring healing to her and an added measure of strength to Rich as he cares for his wife.
- **Jasinski, Mil and Walt** – Pray for Mil and Walt. Mil fell and broke her wrist. Walt is now home. Pray for them during this time of extreme hardship.
- **Johnson, Ethel** – Lift up Ethel Johnson in your prayers as she has been recovering from a stroke. She is recovering and doing quite well. She is located at Wesley Enhanced Living, Room 105. The address is 200 Veterans Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901. Her number is 267-927-8304.
- **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.
- **Scaffidi, Barb** – Barb's Mom continues to struggle with cancer. Also, Barb's Sister-in-law, Sue, is fighting breast cancer. Please pray for their health and that their walks with Christ be strengthened.
- **Trask, Naomi** – Lift Naomi up in your prayers. Pray for her, Rebekah, and Annie Laurie as she battles breast cancer. Pray that the Great Physician brings healing. Also, 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.*

## HVPC Staff

### Senior Pastor:

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### HVPC Elders

**George Hindley** (*Administration*)

**Cynthia Cornish** (*Connections*)

**Jon Haines** (*Administration*)

**Matheus Schaper** (*Outreach, Communications*)

**Jordan Goretti** (*Clerk of Session, Worship*)

**Deb Jack** (*Christian Education*)

**Dr. Dan Morrison** (*Teaching Elder*)

**Dr. Thiago Bruno Sousa** (*Teaching Elder*)

**Ariadne Azevedo** (*Assistant Treasurer*)

**Cheryl Waring** (*Nominating*)

### HVPC Deacons

**Josh Bruce** (*Moderator, Ministry Through Giving*)

**Ginny Aikens** (*Transportation*)

**Joan Clover** (*Hospitality*)

**Dwayne Cornish** (*Food Bank*)

**Crystal Goretti** (*Secretary*)

**Shari Hofstetter** (*Treasurer*)

**Joyce Codispoti** (*Greeting*)

**Anne Caulfield**

**Linda Cifelli** (*Card Ministry*)

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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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