



Book of Judges

SERMON SERIES



Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church February 2, 2025

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.*

♪ **Prelude**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Choir

Words of Welcome

Jordan Goretti

***Unison Call to Worship**

Psalm 111 (ESV)

Jordan Goretti

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Jon Haines

***♪ Holy, Holy, Holy (Hymn #1)**

All

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Call to Confession

Crystal Goretti

Prayer of Confession

Crystal Goretti

Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess
Our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
And our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
In wandering from your ways,
In wasting your gifts,
In forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
For we are ashamed and sorry
For all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
And help us to live in your light,
And walk in your ways,
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Crystal Goretti

First Reading

Judges 14 (ESV)

Crystal Goretti

***♪ Revelation Song**

All

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song
To Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning
Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
Strength and glory
And power be to You
The only wise King

Filled with wonder
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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***Passing of the Peace**

All

***♪ *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

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Choir

***♪ Doxology**

Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer

Dan Morrison

Children's Sermon

Dan Morrison

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 (ESV)

Dan Morrison

Sermon

Wedding Riddle

Dan Morrison

Communion

Dan Morrison

***♪ *I Hear the Savior Say* (Hymn #232)**

All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness pray, find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed me white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim –
I'll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.

* *♪ Holy Forever*

All

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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* **Benediction**

Bruno Sousa

First Reading: Judges 14 (ESV)

¹ Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. ² Then he came up and told his father and mother, “I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.” ³ But his father and mother said to him, “Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.”

⁴ His father and mother did not know that it was from the LORD, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel. ⁵ Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. ⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. ⁷ Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes.

⁸ After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. ⁹ He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.

¹⁰ His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a feast there, for so the young men used to do. ¹¹ As soon as the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him. ¹² And Samson said to them, “Let me now put a riddle to you. If you can tell me what it is, within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes, ¹³ but if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes.” And they said to him, “Put your riddle, that we may hear it.” ¹⁴ And he said to them,

“Out of the eater came something to eat.
Out of the strong came something sweet.”

And in three days they could not solve the riddle.

¹⁵ On the fourth day they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband to tell us what the riddle is, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us here to impoverish us?" ¹⁶ And Samson's wife wept over him and said, "You only hate me; you do not love me. You have put a riddle to my people, and you have not told me what it is." And he said to her, "Behold, I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?" ¹⁷ She wept before him the seven days that their feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him hard. Then she told the riddle to her people. ¹⁸ And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down,

"What is sweeter than honey?
What is stronger than a lion?"

And he said to them,

"If you had not plowed with my heifer,
you would not have found out my riddle."

¹⁹ And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father's house. ²⁰ And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 (ESV)

¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?



We are looking for one or two people to assist in planning the VCS 50th Year Gala on May 4, 2025, at Philmont Country Club to celebrate “A Legacy of God’s Faithfulness, A Future of Kingdom Impact.” Some of the work will include the following:

1. Event Planning, Logistics, and Guest Experience
2. Sponsorship, Silent Auction, and Marketing
3. Design and Communications
4. Programming and Content
5. Post-event Follow-up and Donor Relations

Please consider volunteering to help. Contact the Church Office at 215-947-5500, office@hvpc.org.



Happy Birthday to those born in February!

Josh Bruce, 4th
Ana Crawford, 4th
Christie Bruce, 6th
John Stiles, Jr., 7th
Abner Mendes de Oliveira, 7th
Susan Clark, 8th
Joan Clover, 9th
Nidiane Resende, 10th
Celia Regina Dal Santos, 11th

Beatriz Carvalho, 12th
Melanie Belinsky, 14th
Elaine Holmes, 15th
Edimar Jose dos Santos, 22nd
Luisa Brandao, 24th
Angelo Martins Carvalho, 25th
Christine Everly, 27th
Naomi Crawford, 28th



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Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** – Next meeting is February 14. The following are the dates for the group through June: 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; 215-260-4564).
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is February 10. Circle of Hope meets on the 2nd and 4th 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; 215-500-2747).
- **Miriam Circle** – Next meeting is February 13. 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 the church in the Lounge Room #209. For more information, contact Pat Sarajian (sarajian@comcat.com; 215-485-0184).
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is February 3. This combination Zoom and in-person group meets the first three Mondays of the month. Contact Charlene Crawford (godlydiva@aol.com; 267-279-9858).
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – Next meeting is February 10. 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** – Next meeting is February 14. Contact the church office (office@hvpc.org; 215-947-5500).
- **Women's Bible Study** – Next meeting is February 5. The group meets every other week. Childcare is available. Contact Naomi Trask (trasknaomi001@gmail.com; 215-630-6186).
- **Connections Discipleship Group Study** – Next meeting date to be determined. Contact Cynthia Cornish (cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com; 484-640-9856).

This Week of 2/2 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Daughters of the King	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Deacons' Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Josh Bruce
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday	12:45 p.m.	Contact Naomi Trask
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
ELL Program	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa

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

Food Bank Collection

Bring the food! For February, there is a great need for baby food and diapers. Please also consider donating other non-perishable foods as well, such as 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.

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 that you are willing to donate to us? See Naomi Trask or Deb Jack if you can help.

Karen Daniel's new address is: 1551 Huntingdon Pike, Apt. A-110, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19001. Phone: 215-801-2908

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).

- **Berkenstock, Caroline** – Caroline fell and broke her pelvis. Please keep her in prayer as she recovers.
- **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.
- **Holmes, Bert** – Lift Bert up in prayer. He is back home and is receiving antibiotics. Pray for Bert as he recovers.
- **Jasinski, Mil and Walt** – Pray for Mil and Walt as Walt is dealing with pain and for Mil as she cares for her husband.
- **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. We thank God that the test results show that Naomi's cancer has not returned. 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.

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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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