

Beloved Timothy:

Walking with Christ in the Life of the Church

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church January 18, 2026

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 Sthefani Pires.
- **Elementary: Kindergarten to Grade 2** – Upstairs, Room #304.
Teachers: Crystal Goretti, Elaine Ticker, and Naomi Trask.
- **Elementary: Grades 3-5** – Upstairs, Room #306.
Teachers: Jordan Goretti, Cheryl Waring, and Naomi Trask.
- **Middle School: grades 6-8** – Upstairs, Room #305.
Teachers: Rebekah Bramer, Rosie Bruce, and Franciely Schaper.
- **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 classes meet in the Lounge, Room #209 and in the Boyer Fellowship Hall.
- **We also provide nursery care during both services** (birth to age 2). 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**

How Long, Oh Lord?

Choir

Words of Welcome

Jordan Goretti

***Unison Call to Worship**

Psalm 1:1-6 (ESV)

Jordan Goretti

¹ Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Opening Prayer

Jennie Gerardi

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Call to Confession

Josh Moore

Prayer of Confession

Josh Moore

Almighty God,
In Jesus Christ you called us
To be a servant people,
But we do not do what you command.
We are often silent when we should speak,
And useless when we could be useful.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us and free us from sin;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Josh Moore

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

***♪ Sing Them Over Again to Me (Hymn #222)**

All

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life. Life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given, wooing us to Heaven:

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever:

***Passing of the Peace**

All

***♪ Pass the Peace**

All

Pass the peace of Jesus
Let Christian friendship flow
Holy Spirit, speak to us
God be with us now

Let our ears be opened,
Our hearts be restored
We gather here together
In the presence of the Lord

Offering

Jennie Gerardi

♪ Choral Anthem

Who Else?

Choir

***♪ Doxology (Hymn #572)**

Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:8-11 (ESV)

Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Sermon

*God's Law in the
Service of Grace*

Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

*♪ ***Ancient Words***

All

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart

***♪ *O Word of God Incarnate* (Hymn #219)**

All

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

O make Thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face. Amen.

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

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Download Church Center App to learn all about what our church has going on.

See the church calendar, interact with your small group, register for events and see our directory (and get added if you wish).

Happy Birthday to those born in January!

Sonia Sousa, 1st
Ginnie Lock, 3rd
E. Joseph Buoni, 4th
Stephen Quinter, 5th
Sophie Guerra Rodrigues, 5th
Jimmy Hindley, 11th
Ludmila Lamarche, 11th
Norma Poli, 13th
Micah Smith, 13th
Anna Laura Bramer, 14th

Rodrigo Silva, 17th
Marlene Ribeiro Leite, 18th
Cecelia Leite da Silva, 23rd
Ruth Ebert, 25th
Naomi Trask, 25th
Nicolle Sousa, 25th
Joyce Fleming, 25th
Jennie Gerardi, 27th
Claudia Cardoso da Silva, 29th
Asaph Sousa, 31st

Attendance and Giving at HVPC

Worship Attendance

Date	1 st Service	2 nd Service	FPC	Total
12/28	41	48	23	112
1/4	40	84	22	146
1/11	50	63	21	134

Giving

Date	Total
12/28	\$3,593
1/4	\$5,013
1/11	\$7,841

Tithing is a command from the Lord:

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. (Malachi 3:10 NIV)

A tithe is ten percent of our income. Let us search our hearts and consider tithing each week and, if able, give freewill offerings as well to the Lord. It is an important part of worship, as we are demonstrating our love and commitment to God. We must trust in Him with our time, treasure, and talent. When we do, our reliance and peace with God strengthens as we serve God, not money.

Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** – Next meeting February 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Deb Jack's house, 3405 Buck Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Contact Deb Jack: 215-260-4564 jackfam5@comcast.net.
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is January 26. Circle of Hope meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each meeting, the group watches an episode of The Chosen and then discusses. Contact Judy Scott: 215-500-2747 jtscott2022@comcast.net.
- **Miriam Circle** – Next meeting is February 12. This women's Bible study small group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the church lounge. Contact Linda Ciffeli: 267-556-0852 llcifelli1@comcast.net.
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is January 21. This hybrid Zoom and in-person group meets the first three Wednesdays of the month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Charlene Crawford: 267-279-9858 godlydiva@aol.com.
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – Next meeting is January 26. This cigar-friendly men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ungerman Barn, 2nd floor. Contact Jordan Goretti: 610-554-0259 creelowns@gmail.com.
- **Valley Youth Group** – Next meeting is January 30. Youth Group will meet every other Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact the Church Office: 215-947-5500 office@hvpc.org.
- **Connections Discipleship Group Study** – Next meeting is this Sunday, January 18 in the Church Lounge from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. We will meet for a potluck lunch followed by time in the scriptures and in prayer. Come and join us for some fun and fellowship. Contact Cynthia Cornish: 484-640-9856 cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com.
- **Women's Discipleship Group** – Next meeting is January 31. The group meets every other Saturday, all in the Ungerman Barn, 1st floor. Contact Jennie Gerardi: 484-547-3161 jgerardi209@gmail.com.

This Week of 1/18 @ HVPC

Connections Small Group	Today	12:30 p.m.	Contact Cynthia Cornish
Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Session Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Daughters of the King	Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Portuguese Language Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Online Prayer Meeting	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Online Prayer Meeting (Missions)	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter

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

Food Bank Collection: For January, there is still a great need for baby food and diapers. Please also consider donating other non-perishable items as well, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and baby wipes. If you have 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: The deacons are seeking more greeters to help with both services. The sign-up page is <http://bit.ly/HVPCgreeting>.

Readers: We are seeking additional readers for Sunday morning! Please contact the Church Office if interested; office@hvpc.org, 215-947-5500.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Connections Small Group is meeting today after this service in the Church Lounge! Join us for a potluck lunch (if you do not have anything to bring, still join us!) and a devotional and time in prayer.

The election at Presbytery of Pastor Bruno as Senior Pastor of HVPC is this Friday, January 23 starting at noon. The address is as follows:

Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church

1121 Octorara Trail
Parkesburg, PA 19365

Also, the installation service for Pastor Bruno is next Sunday, January 25 starting at 6 p.m. here at HVPC. Please join us for this historic moment in the life of the Church.

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).

- **Belinsky, Sue** – Last week, Sue went to the hospital with a heart issue related to a viral infection. Please keep her in prayer as she continues to recover.
- **Codispoti, Joyce** – Joyce's husband, Joe, passed away. He was ill, but his passing was sudden. Please keep Joyce and her family in prayer during this time of bereavement.
- **Goretti, Jordan** – Jordan is suffering from nausea and vomiting. He has a colonoscopy and endoscopy scheduled for March. Please, pray for the Lord's provision in this time of trial.
- **Hofstetter, Shari** – Pray for Shari as she was diagnosed with pneumonia. Pray for her as she continues to recover.
- **Holmes, Bert** – Lift Bert up in prayer as he continues to struggle with pain.
- **Johnson, Ethel** – Ethel Johnson passed away; she was 98 years old and was a devoted follower of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. A Memorial Service will be held at HVPC on January 31, 2026, from 11 a.m. to noon.
- **Martins, Wesley** – Pray for Wesley, Liliana, and their children as he battles colon cancer.
- **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.
- **Rozarto, Elizabeth** – Please pray for Elizabeth's son's girlfriend, Colleen, as she undergoes physical therapy for her repaired knee.
- **Scaffidi, Barb** – Barb's Mother passed away after battling cancer. Please lift Barb up in your prayers in her bereavement.
- **Silva, Divina da** – Pray for Divina as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.
- **Ticker, Elaine** – Elaine's cousin Rick's grandchildren who have recently been orphaned. Please pray for them and for the family as they grieve this profound loss.

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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Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (www.EPC.org). The EPC motto is: "In Essentials, Unity. In Non-Essentials, Liberty. In All Things, Charity. Truth in Love." The EPC has set forth the following statements of what they believe in common.

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).



**Huntingdon Valley
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