

# Beloved Timothy:

Walking with Christ in the Life of the Church

**Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**May 31, 2026**

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

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

**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 Pastor Bruno 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, Nathalia Souza, and Marcos Souza.
- **Elementary: Kindergarten to Grade 2** – Upstairs, Room #304.  
Teachers: Crystal Goretti and Elaine Ticker.
- **Elementary: Grades 3-5** – Upstairs, Room #306.  
Teachers: Cheryl Waring and Naomi Trask.
- **Middle School: grades 6-8** – Upstairs, Room #305.  
Teachers: Laura Haines, Rebekah Bramer, and Jordan Goretti.
- **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**

*Come unto Jesus*

**Choir**

**Words of Welcome**

**Ian Clark**

**Small Group Update**

**Maria Eliza Schaper**

\***Unison Call to Worship**

*Psalm 127 (ESV)*

**Ian Clark**

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.

<sup>2</sup> It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

<sup>3</sup> Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man  
who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame  
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**Opening Prayer**

**Ian Clark**

\*♪ ***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**

**Rebekah Bramer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Rebekah Bramer**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
We confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
For we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
And turned from our neighbors.  
We have refused to bear the troubles of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
And passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
O God,  
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,  
That we may choose your will  
And obey your commandments;  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Rebekah Bramer**

<sup>6</sup> And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. <sup>7</sup> Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. <sup>8</sup> With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

**\* ♪ 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

**\*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**

**Susan Clark**

**♪ Choral Anthem**

*Purify Me Lord*

**Choir**

**\*♪ *Doxology* (Hymn #572)**

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

**Prayer for Families**

**Mofe Oduneye**

**Second Reading**

*1 Timothy 5:17-20 (ESV)*

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

<sup>17</sup> Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. <sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages." <sup>19</sup> Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup> As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.

**Sermon**

*Honoring Those Who  
Shepherd the Flock*

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

**\*♪ *Take my Life and Let it Be* (Hymn #385)**

**All**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,  
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

\* **♪ *What a Beautiful Name***

**All**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in cre - ation  
Now re - vealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could sepa - rate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You the veil tore be - fore You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life a - gain

You have no rival You have no equal  
Now and for - ever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand a - gainst  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

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\***Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**



# Happy Birthday to those born in June!

Dr. Margie Hindley, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Washington Xavier, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cloe Rodrigues, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Barb Good, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Gabriel Moore, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Laisa Santos, 13<sup>th</sup>  
Shari Hofstetter, 15<sup>th</sup>  
Carlos Ribeiro Souza, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Luiz Carlos Oliveira, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Noah James, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Anthony Gerardi, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dave Hamalian, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Deb Hoffman, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sophia dos Reis, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Anna Lipinski, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Rayssa Fernandes Lamarche, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sophia Silva, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Edmilson Santos, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Julia Santos, 28<sup>th</sup>  
Simila Duarte, 28<sup>th</sup>  
Melodie Wolfe, 29<sup>th</sup>  
Gail Marron, 30<sup>th</sup>

## Attendance and Giving at HVPC

### Worship Attendance

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	FPC	Total
5/10	61	Not Counted	19	
5/17	70	69	19	158
5/24	56	44	20	120

### Giving

Date	Total
5/10	\$4,330
5/17	\$10,636
5/24	\$4,145

*The amount needed to meet the 2026 budget is **\$7,100 per week.***

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 June 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Deb Jack's house. Contact Deb Jack: 215-260-4564 [jackfam5@comcast.net](mailto:jackfam5@comcast.net).
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is June 8. 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. Each meeting, the group watches an episode of The Chosen and then discusses. Contact Judy Scott: 215-500-2747 [jtscott2022@comcast.net](mailto:jtscott2022@comcast.net).
- **Miriam Circle** – Next meeting is June 11. 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. in the church lounge. Contact Linda Cifelli: 267-566-0852 [llcifelli1@comcast.net](mailto:llcifelli1@comcast.net).
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is June 3. 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](mailto:godlydiva@aol.com).
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – Next meeting is June 1. This cigar-friendly men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Jordan Goretti's house. Contact Jordan Goretti: 610-554-0259 [creelowns@gmail.com](mailto:creelowns@gmail.com).
- **Valley Youth Group** – Next meeting is June 12. Youth Group will meet every other Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Contact the Church Office: 215-947-5500 [office@hvpc.org](mailto:office@hvpc.org).
- **Connections Discipleship Group Study** – Next meeting is Sunday, June 21 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](mailto:cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com).

## This Week of 5/31 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Presbyterian Stogie Society	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
Deacon's Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Dr. Margie Hindley
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Susan Clark
Online Prayer Meeting (Missions)	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter

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

**Food Bank Collection:** For May, 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](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:** The Deacons are seeking more greeters to help with both services. Please contact Linda Cifelli to sign up.

## 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).*

- **Bruce, Rick** – Several weeks ago, Rick suffered a stroke. Please keep Christie and him in prayer as he continues to recover at home.
- **Cornish, Dwayne** – Please pray for Dwayne as he recovers in Abington Hospital from surgery.
- **Goretti, Jordan** – Jordan is suffering from nausea and vomiting. Please, pray for the Lord's provision in this time of trial.
- **Holmes, Bert** – Lift Bert up in prayer as he continues to struggle with pain.
- **Marron, Gail** – Remember Gail Marron in your prayers as she suffers with lower back pain.
- **Martins, Wesley** – Pray for Wesley, Liliana, and their children as he battles colon cancer.
- **Silva, Divina da** – Pray for Divina as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.

# 2026 Strategic Plan for HVPC

January

February

March

April

2- Maundy Thursday  
4- Easter Egg Hunt  
5-Easter at HVPC  
Church Brunch  
26- Fellowship  
Sunday

May

2- Church Work Day  
9- Mothers Day Lunch  
23- Church Family  
Picnic

June

27- Youth Pool Party  
29-July3-VBS

July

3-VBS Celebration  
18-Women's Prayer  
Summit  
25- Men's Grilling for  
the Gospel  
31- Married Couples  
BBQ

August

1- Youth Pool Part  
9-Fellowship Sunday

September

Move Up Sunday  
TBD- Senior  
Information Day

October

10- Fall Festival  
30- Youth Bowling

November

14- L.o.L. Potluck  
Dinner  
20-22- Marriage  
Confrence

December

5- Women's Painting  
with a Twist  
12- Movie Night  
27-Fellowship  
Sunday

# Illumination Station

*Shining a light on who Jesus  
really is*

HVPC  
VBS

June 29-July 2

9 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

Celebration Dinner

July 3 6:30p.m.-8  
p.m.

GRADES:  
PRESCHOOL- 5<sup>TH</sup>



Scan QR code to register.  
\$10 per child/\$20 per family  
donation recommendation

Question? Reach out to Naomi Trask  
(215)630-6186

**Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church** is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church ([www.EPC.org](http://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).



## 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

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### HVPC Elders

**Teaching Elder:** Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

**Clerk of Session:** Judy Scott

**Administration:** George Hindley

**Administration:** Noel Wolfe

**Outreach:** Matheus Schaper

**Christian Education:** Deb Jack

**Treasurer:** Ariadne Azevedo

**Nominating:** Cheryl Waring

Mofe Oduneye

Maria Eliza Schaper

**Sabbatical:** Jordan Goretti

### HVPC Deacons

**Moderator:** Dr. Margie Hindley

**Vice-Moderator:** Elaine Mendes

**Secretary:** Crystal Goretti

**Treasurer:** Shari Hofstetter

**Communion:** Linda Cifelli,

Crystal Goretti, Elaine Mendes,

Dr. Margie Hindley, and Jucimeire Wolfe

**Servers & Greeters:** Linda Cifelli,

Elaine Mendes, and Diego Brandão

**Ushers:** Elaine Mendes,

Dwayne Cornish, and Dr. Margie Hindley

**Food Bank:**

Dwayne Cornish and Diego Brandão

**Visitation:** Shari Hofstetter

**Card & Calls Ministry:**

Dr. Margie Hindley, Yara Brandão, and

Jucimeire Wolfe

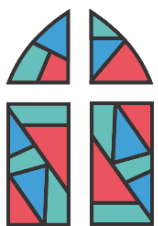
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