

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church

This Morning's Sermon:

Motives are Weighed by the Lord

16 August 2026

9:00 a.m. – Portuguese worship service

10:15 a.m. – Fellowship Coffee Hour

11:15 a.m. – English worship service

Sunday school is on hiatus for the summer.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

Please Silence Your Cell Phone

Order for Sunday Worship

** = The congregation is invited to stand.*

♪ **Prelude**

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Praise Band

Words of Welcome

Jennie Gerardi

***Unison Call to Worship**

Psalm 15 (NIV)

Jennie Gerardi

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;

³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

Opening Prayer

Jennie Gerardi

***♪ *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* (Hymn #19)**

All

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh – His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne,
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. Amen.

Call to Confession

Anthony Gerardi

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Gerardi

Lord God, heavenly Father, we are poor, miserable sinners.
We know your will, but we are too weak to fulfill it.
Our flesh and blood hold us back,
And our enemy, the devil, will not leave us in peace.
Pour your Holy Spirit in our hearts,
That with steadfast faith we may cling to your Son Jesus Christ,
Find comfort in his passion and death,
Believe the forgiveness of sin through him,
And in willing obedience to your will lead holy lives on earth
Until, by your grace, we depart from this world of sorrow
And obtain eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One true God, now and forever.

Assurance of Pardon

Anthony Gerardi

First Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (NIV)

Anthony Gerardi

¹ This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ² Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

***♪ *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Hymn #321)**

All

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***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

♪ Offertory

No One Like the Lord

Praise Band

***♪ *Doxology* (Hymn #572)**

Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

Second Reading

Proverbs 16:1-2 (NIV)

Rev. Dr. Dan Morrison

- ¹To humans belong the plans of the heart,
but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue.
²All a person's ways seem pure to them,
but motives are weighed by the LORD.

Sermon

*Motives are Weighed
by the Lord*

Rev. Dr. Dan Morrison

I am an instrument of exaltation
And I was born to lift Your name above all names
You hear the melody of all creation
But there's a song of praise that only I can bring

Who else is worthy who else is worthy
There is no one only You Jesus
Who else is worthy who else is worthy
There is no one only You Jesus

You are the infinite God of the ages
Yet You chose to make my heart Your dwelling place
You healed my brokenness showed me Your glory
So I have songs of thanks not even angels sing

Lamb of God anointed one
Who was and is and is to come
Seated on the throne above
Holy holy
Righteous One who shed His blood
You proved to us the Father's love
Jesus Christ be lifted up
(Holy holy)

***🎵 Build My Life**

All

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

CCLI Song #7070345 "Build My Life" Words and Music by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, and Matt Redman © © Said And Done Music CCLI License #1545647

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

Happy Birthday to those born in August!

Salvatore Lentine, 2nd
Jeova Ribeiro Gomes, 3rd
Allan Dauster Leite Silveira, 4th
Rodrigo Paiva, 4th
Laura Haines, 8th
Keren Ferreira dos Santos, 10th
Jason Moore, 10th
Eva Morrison, 10th
Daniel Martins, 13th
Pamella de Sousa, 18th

Marcus Chagas, 19th
Nathalia Chagas, 19th
Judy Scott, 20th
Patricia da Silva Ribeiro, 21st
Edmilson Ferreira, 22nd
Karen Moore, 23rd
Paige Torresani, 23rd
Corey D'Angelo, 26th
Hannah Wolfe, 27th
Charlene Crawford, 28th

Attendance and Giving at HVPC

Worship Attendance

Date	1 st Service	2 nd Service	FPC	Total
26 July	63	52	10	125
2 August	70	67	17	154

Giving

Date	Total
26 July	\$9,253
2 August	\$7,216

*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** – The following is the information for the upcoming meetings this summer: Next meeting 15 August, hoagies under the trees by the Ungerman Barn (weather permitting); BYOB and bring either a crunch snack to go with hoagies or a dessert; the group will meet at HVPC.
Contact Deb Jack: 215-260-4564 jackfam5@comcast.net.
- **Circle of Hope** – On summer hiatus. 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** – On summer hiatus. 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 Cifelli: 267-566-0852, llcifelli1@comcast.net.
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is 19 August. 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 24 August. 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.
- **Valley Youth Group** – On summer hiatus. 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** – On summer hiatus. We meet in the Church Lounge from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. We 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.

This Week of 16 August 2026 at HVPC

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
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; 215-947-5500).

Food Bank Collection: For August, there is 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.

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).

- **Codispoti, Joyce** – Pray for Joyce’s sister-in-law, Carol, who is recovering from strokes. She has been transferred to rehab where she will continue to recover.
- **Dell, JoAnne** – Please pray for Diane and Steve McCrystal: For Steve’s continued recovery from concussion and Diane’s coping with the family dynamics of this tragedy.
- **Goretti, Jordan** – Jordan suffers from chronic nausea and vomiting. Thankfully, medication has been keeping it under control. Also, his right arm is causing intense pain. Please, pray for the Lord’s grace to make peace with the situation.
- **Hofstetter, Shari** – Pray for Shari’s neighbor, Debbie, her parents, and family. Debbie had knee replacement surgery, and her parents were in a car accident the following week. Both are in the ICU with brain bleeds. Her mother has not regained consciousness. Pray for God’s healing and blessing on all – they are believers.
- **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.
- **Rizzo, Beth** – Please pray for Beth as she is in Holy Redeemer hospital. Please consider visiting her in her convalescence.
- **Rozarto, Elizabeth** – Elizabeth’s brother, Carl Bush, is suffering from cancer which has metastasized. He is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy; Elizabeth will be heading to Kansas in mid-October, as her sister, Mary Kay, will move in with Elizabeth.
- **Ticker, Carlos** – Carlos needs prayer as he looks for work. Please pray that the Lord provides the right job for him.

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
30- 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 Party
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
Conference

December

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

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

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa | 267-709-3931 | pastorbruno@hvpc.org

Administrative Assistant: Laura Haines | adminassistant@hvpc.org

Church Secretary: Jordan Goretti | 215-947-5500 | office@hvpc.org

Director of 1st Service Music: Abner Mendes | bidimendes@gmail.com

Director of 2nd Service Music: Susan Clark | susanmclark57@gmail.com

Head of School/VCS: Dawn Mitchell | mitchelld@vcskids.com

Sexton: Doug Landersz | 267-625-7355

Bookkeeper: Elizabeth Rozarto | books@HVPC.org

Treasurer: Ariadne Azevedo | ariadneoa@icloud.com

HVPC Elders

Teaching Elder: Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa

Clerk of Session: Jordan Goretti

President of Corporation:

George Hindley

Administration: Noel Wolfe

Outreach: Matheus Schaper

Christian Education: Deb Jack

Treasurer: Ariadne Azevedo

Nominating: Cheryl Waring

Mofe Oduneye

Maria Eliza Schaper

Judy Scott

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:

Crystal Goretti and Diego Brandão

Visitation: Shari Hofstetter

Card & Calls Ministry:

Dr. Margie Hindley, Yara Brandão, and

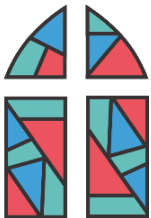
Jucimeire Wolfe

Food, Beverage, & Paper Products:

Elaine Mendes,

Dr. Margie Hindley, and Shari Hofstetter

Sabbatical: César Esteves



**Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church**