



*Happy  
Easter!*

**Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**April 5, 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 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: Jordan Goretti, Cheryl Waring, and Naomi Trask.
- **Middle School: grades 6-8** – Upstairs, Room #305.  
Teachers: Laura Haines, Rebekah Bramer, Cheryl Waring, 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**

*Beauty of the Cross*

**Choir**

**Words of Welcome**

**Jordan Goretti**

**\*Unison Call to Worship**

**Jordan Goretti**

Do not be afraid.  
We seek Jesus who was crucified.  
He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it!  
Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Opening Prayer**

**Ian Clark**

**\*♪ *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (Hymn #163)**

**All**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save: Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia! Amen.

## **Call to Confession**

**George Hindley**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**George Hindley**

Risen Lord,  
we confess that we often live as though death still reigns.  
We allow fear, guilt, and despair  
to shape our lives more than Your victory.  
We forget the power of the empty tomb  
and the hope secured by Your resurrection.  
Forgive us, renew our faith,  
and teach us to live as people of the resurrection,  
for Your glory and our joy.  
Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**George Hindley**

## **First Reading**

*Psalm 16:8-11 (ESV)*

**George Hindley**

- <sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.  
<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.  
<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

\*♪ *Death was Arrested*

All

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

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**\*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**

*Forever*

**Choir**

**\*♪ *Doxology* (Hymn #572)**

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

**Second Reading**

*Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)*

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**Sermon**

*Why the Resurrection  
Changes Everything*

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

\*♪ ***O Come to the Savior***

**All**

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

O come to the Savior  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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**Communion**

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**

**\*♪ *The Day of Resurrection* (Hymn #168)**

**All**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth her song begin!  
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our Joy that hath no end. Amen.

**\*Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa**





## **Easter Flower Dedications**

**Susi Cottle:** In memory of Joan Clover

**Millie Jasinski:** In loving memory of Walt Jasinski

**Karen Woodford:** Dedicated to family members

**Barb Scaffidi:** In memory of my loving husband, Jim, and loving Mom

**JoAnne Dell:** Dedicated that Jose may find happiness and Jesus; also for Steve and Diane McCrystal – that Steve will improve mentally from his concussion, and may both of them survive financially from this disaster; this through Jesus.

**Elizabeth Rozarto:** Dedicated to Joan Clover and Dennis Rozarto

**Linda Cifelli:** In memory of family and friends

**Ginnie Lock:** In loving memory of Betty Hewitt

**The Sarajian Family:** In loving memory of Jasper, Ann, and Matthew Sarajian

**Charles and Dr. Chelsea Foster:** In honor of Edith Blunt Cutting and Rose Foster's birthdays

# Happy Birthday to those born in April!

Barbara Daniel, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Eduardo Felipe Macedo, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Kenneth Davis, 7<sup>th</sup>  
BettyAnn Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>  
Chelsea Torresani, 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sue Brown, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Maria Geralda de Paula, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Sarajian, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Andreia Machoviak, 15<sup>th</sup>  
Itagyba Carvalho, 15<sup>th</sup>

Isabelly Jorge dos Santos, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Abbey Lentine, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Foster, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Endrio Nunes, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Maureen Sweeney, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Iran Pereira de Sousa, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Karen Woodford, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Ana Karollina Resende Souza, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Rev. Dr. Bruno Sousa, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Julia Kellogg, 26<sup>th</sup>

## Attendance and Giving at HVPC

### Worship Attendance

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	FPC	Total
3/15	59	78	33	170
3/22	45	68	15	128
3/29	60	58	23	141

### Giving

Date	Total
3/15	\$10,126
3/22	\$4,074
3/29	\$7,358

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 April 17 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](mailto:jackfam5@comcast.net).
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is April 13. 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 April 9. 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 April 8. 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 April 6. This cigar-friendly men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ungerman Barn, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Contact Jordan Goretti: 610-554-0259 [creelowns@gmail.com](mailto:creelowns@gmail.com).
- **Valley Youth Group** – Next meeting is April 10. 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, April 19 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 4/5 @ HVPC

Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Presbyterian Stogie Society	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
Deacons Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Dr. Margie Hindley
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Daughters of the King	Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Miriam Circle	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Contact Linda Cifelli
Choir Practice	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Contact Susan Clark
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Susan Clark
Online Prayer Meeting (Missions)	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Valley Youth Group	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa

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

**Food Bank Collection:** For April, 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 the Deacons to sign up.

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of the month.

## 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** – Three weeks ago, Rick suffered a stroke. Please keep Christie and him in prayer as he continues to recover at Moss Rehab.
- **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.

**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.*

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

**Ariadne Azevedo** (*Treasurer*)

**Cheryl Waring** (*Nominating*)

**Mofe Oduneye**

**Maria Eliza Schaper**

**Jordan Goretti** (*Sabbatical*)

#### HVPC Deacons

**Dr. Margie Hindley** (*Moderator*)

**Elaine Mendes** (*Vice-Moderator*)

**Crystal Goretti** (*Secretary*)

**Shari Hofstetter**

**Linda Cifelli**

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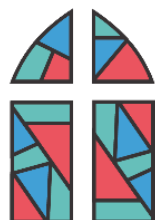
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