



BOOK OF REVELATION

THE VICTORY OF **CHRIST** AND HIS CHURCH

SERMON SERIES



Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church January 21, 2023

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.

- **Nursery:** Ages 0-2 years – Meets in the nursery, located right inside the sanctuary doors on the right. Supervisor: Crystal Goretti.
Teachers: Rotating group of volunteers
- **Toddler Class:** Ages 2-5 – Meets downstairs, Room #106A
Teachers: Sonia Sousa and Pamella Sousa
Curriculum: Jesus Storybook Bible
- **Early Elementary:** Kindergarten to Grade 2 – Meets downstairs, Room #106B
Teachers: Jennie Gerardi and Laura Haines
Helper: Elaine Ticker
Curriculum: I AM, 40 Stories
- **Upper Elementary:** Grades 3-5 – Meets downstairs, Room #105
Teachers: Naomi Trask and Deb Jack.
Curriculum: Forged: Faith Refined
- **Middle School:** grades 6-8 – meets in the classroom on the stage in the Boyer auditorium – currently studying the 10 commandments
Teachers: Becca Jo Yourko and Sarah Pannapacker
- **High School:** Grades 9-12 (and beyond) – Meets upstairs in VCS building, Room #308:
Teachers: Charles Foster, Lily Coehlo, and Matt Schaper
- **Adult Sunday school:** Pastors Dan Morrison and Bruno Sousa will lead the English-language adult Sunday school class in the Lounge. The class will run parallel with the sermon series on the Book of Revelation and will provide historical, biblical, and theological background material we will not have time for in the sermons. If you want to dig deep into the Book of Revelation, be sure to attend this exciting class every week!
- **We also provide nursery care** (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	<i>Yet not I</i>	Choir
Words of Welcome		Rosie Bruce
*Unison Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 118:19-24 (ESV)</i>	Rosie Bruce

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Invocation

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! A-men.

***♪ Holy Spirit**

All

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
(Your Presence Lord)
(Your Presence)
(Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

CCLI Song # 6087919 "Holy Spirit" Words and Music by Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt
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Passing of the Peace

All

Response*"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	<i>Not to Us</i>	Choir
Doxology	<i>Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer</i>	Dan Morrison
Second Reading	<i>Revelation 1:9-20 (ESV)</i>	Dan Morrison
Pastoral Prayer		Dan Morrison
Sermon	<i>Vision of the Son of Man</i>	Dan Morrison
*♪ Before the Throne		All

Hallelujah Hallelujah
Praise the One
Risen Son of God

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love.
Whoever lives and pleads for me?
My name is grav - en on His hands.
My name is writ - ten on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt with - in
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sin - less Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteous - ness
The great un - changeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Him - self I cannot die
My soul is pur - chased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up, to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

First Reading (Daniel 7:9-14, ESV)

⁹ "As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking.
And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be
burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but
their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ "I saw in the night visions,

And behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

Second Reading (Revelation 1:9-20, ESV)

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰ As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Notes:

This Week of 1/21 @ HVPC

Stewardship Committee Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Noel Wolfe
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday	12:45 p.m.	Contact Naomi Trask
Online Staff Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
Choir Practice	Thursday	5:00 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
Anchored Bible Study	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Contact Deb Jack
Friday Evening Online Prayer Meeting	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Portuguese Praise Band Practice	Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa

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

Food Bank Collection

Bring the food! For January, please bring soup, ravioli, mac and cheese, as well as other non-perishable foods. Personal care items are helpful, i.e., 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 temporarily disabled. To volunteer, please contact Joyce Codispoti directly at 215-478-3299, jjcods@verizon.net.

Our annual Congregational Meeting today after the second service.

Fifth Tuesday Service is January 30, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A simple supper is served, courtesy of the deacons. Afterwards, we move to the sanctuary for a time of prayer and reflection on the goodness of God.

Hello Church,

We cordially invite you to join our English Language Learners Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those learning English as a second language. Classes will begin on 1/26 and meet weekly on Fridays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Here are several opportunities to join our team:

- **Teach (lead a class of 8 - 10 beginners)**
- **Assist (set up and participate)**
- **Snacks (provide a simple snack for three classes)**

To register please click [here](#) or scan the QR code below or contact Eva Morrison at 267-847-8233 or morrison.eva@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make a difference in our community!

Warmly,
Your ELL Ministry Team

**Scan with your phone camera
and tap the yellow link to complete signup.**



CCO



transforming college students
to transform the world

The following is a message written by Ray Wiesen from CCO. He is requesting snacks for the students attending the annual Jubilee conference.

Ray Wiesen wrote:

"Good morning. Every year in February, about two thousand college students from across the country gather in Pittsburgh for our annual Jubilee conference. This year, I plan to take around 35 students with a good portion of them not being Christian. While at the conference, students will get to hear about creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Outside of the cost of the conference, students are required to get their own food. Every year we make snack bags to help reduce some of the costs, so they don't have to buy as much food. Would you consider helping bless these students by donating various snacks? I have a list of things that I am asking for HVPC to cover."

Cliff bars/ kind bars (100; 3 per bag)

Popcorn (35; 1 per bag)

Cookies (Oreos, chips ahoy or other packaged cookies) (70; 2 per bag)

Trail mix (70; 2 per bag)

Tasty cakes (70; 2 per bag)

Bottled waters (70; 2 per bag)

Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** - This co-ed study meets every second and fourth Fridays of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Joan Clover's apartment, above the Church Office. The study topic is the book of James. Deb Jack (jackfam5@comcast.net; 215-260-4564).
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast Bible Study** - Meeting quarterly the first Saturday in April (4/6/2024). Contact Jordan Goretti (creelowns@gmail.com; 610-554-0259).
- **Miriam Circle** - 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 church in the Lounge Room #209. For more information, contact Pat Sarajian (sarajian@comcat.com; 215-485-0184).
- **I Timothy 5:2 Women's Bible Study** - Charlene Crawford is leading the group and is studying the book of Psalms. This small group meets on the first three Mondays of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This study is virtual and simultaneously in person and welcome to members and friends. The online study opens at 6:45 p.m. for anyone who wants to fellowship before diving into the Word. The Google Meet information is as follows: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yxo-jbtg-iin> or dial: (US) +1 405-267-1308 PIN: 738 329 812. Contact Charlene Crawford (godlydiva@aol.com; 215-432-7542).
- **Band of Brothers** - This smoke-free men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ungerman Barn. We are currently studying the book of Luke. Contact Jordan Goretti (creelowns@gmail.com; 610-554-0259).
- **Valley Youth Group** - The group meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at HVPC. All youth grades 6-12 are invited. Contact Charles Foster (youth@hvpc.org; 215-290-9085).
- **Women's Bible Study** - This group meets every other Wednesday from 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided. The Bible study meets in the Lounge and is studying the book of Hosea. Contact Naomi Trask (trasknaomi001@gmail.com; 215-630-6186).
- **Connections-Discipleship Group Study** - The group meets every third Sunday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Pastor Dan's house. Discussion topics will vary, and a meal will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish if you are so inclined. Contact Cynthia Cornish (cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com; 484-640-9856).

For a complete list of Small Groups, visit hvpc.org, and look under Small Groups. Contact Deb Jack with any further questions (jackfam5@comcast.net; 215-260-4564).

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).

- **Clover, Joan** – Keep Joan in your prayers as she continues to cope with nerve pain.
- **Hofstetter, Shari** – Please praise God with us! My brother Billy is cancer-free and praising God for His grace and mercy. Continue to pray that he remains that way and that my cousin Bobby will do well on his reduced chemo regimen, that he would become cancer free as well, that he would know Jesus as his savior. Thank you all.
- **Hoehn, Marion** – Marion Hoehn, a friend and neighbor of the Warings, fell down her stairs at home on December 5. She lost a lot of blood, and she was taken by ambulance to Abington Hospital. Due to high blood pressure and other factors, she was kept at the hospital. She is now home. Please pray for a complete recovery.
- **Jack, Deb** – Thanks for praying for Carrie. Her surgery on December 21 was very successful with minimal complications, and she was able to be home for Christmas with her family. Her disability case is going to a third hearing. Please pray for a positive outcome.
- **Marron, Gail** – Remember Gail Marron in your prayers as she continues to heal. Her husband Tommy has been transferred to a memory-care facility. Continue to pray for his salvation.
- **Ticker, Elaine** – Pray for Elaine and Lee Ticker at the loss of Lee's mother, Mary. She had a long road of medical difficulties, and she was most recently in hospice care. The congregation of HVPC send their condolences.
- **Trask, Naomi** – Anna, her daughter-in-law's cousin's five-year-old has been diagnosed with leukemia.

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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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