



VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



1974-2024

50 YEARS

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church
January 28, 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>To God Be the Glory</i>	Vitoria and Julia dos Santos
Words of Welcome		Dan Morrison
*Unison Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 18:1-2, 16-19, 28, 46 (ESV)</i>	Dan Morrison

- ¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength.
² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- ¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.
¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.
¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.
¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.
²⁸ For it is you who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
- ⁴⁶ The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Prayer of Invocation	Jon Haines
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Join all the glorious names, of wisdom love, and pow'r,
That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
All are too poor to speak His worth,
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless Thy name:
By Thee the joyful news, of our salvation came,
The joyful news of sins forgiv'n,
Of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood, and died;
My guilty conscience seeks, no sacrifice beside:
His pow'rful blood did once atone
And now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my Pattern, and my Guide,
And Thou my Shepherd art; O, keep me near Thy side;
Nor let my feet e'er turn astray
To wander in the crooked way.

May Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit
In willing bonds beneath Thy feet. A-men.

VCS Welcome

Dr. Chelsea Foster

Special Music

Alana Parker and Stephen Caldani

Some Thoughts on VCS History

Dan Morrison

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

CCLI Song # 7016161 "He Will Hold Me Fast"

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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

Special Music*Bound for Glory*

Praise Band

Doxology*Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer*

Dan Morrison

Scripture Reading*Revelation 2:1-7 (ESV)*

Dan Morrison

Sermon*Returning to Our First Love*

Dan Morrison

***♪ My Jesus I Love Thee (Hymn #72)**

All

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now. A-men.

***♪ My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Hymn #366)**

All

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day, be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul! A-men.

*** Benediction**

Bruno Sousa



Dr. Chelsea Foster
Head of School

Thank you for joining us today as we kick off the 50th anniversary celebration of Valley Christian School! VCS continues to carry out its mission, in partnership with each parent, to develop Christ-centered thinkers, with a heart for God, equipped to serve and excel in all aspects of life. It is a privilege for me as a former student, a former parent, and now as Head of School to be a part of this blessed legacy. With the support and ongoing prayers of Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church, many more students will have the opportunity to carry the hope and the message of the Gospel into the next 50 years and prayerfully the next century.

Second Reading (Revelation 2:1-7, ESV)

¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Notes:

This Week of 1/28 @ HVPC

Connections Small Group	Tonight	4:00 p.m.	Contact Cynthia Cornish
Band of Brothers	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
5 th Tuesday Supper and Service	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Contact Josh Bruce
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
Friday Evening Online Prayer Meeting	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
ELL Classes	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Eva Morrison
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.

Fifth Tuesday Service is this Tuesday, 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.

Janet Ungerman is turning 100 on February 16. Consider sending her a card at the following address:

Janet Ungerman
511 Wellingham Drive,
Durham, NC 27713

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 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.**





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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Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

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).



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