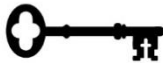




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist – Katie Weresch

Lector – Judy Johnson

Greeters – Nancy Rundle & Rev. Lois Whitwell

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *O For Thy Love*

M. Shea

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

**Congregation: And so we come to follow Christ.**

Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

**And so we come to dwell in the light.**

Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

**And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.**

As God's voice comes to us in these words of Jesus,

**let us offer our worship and our service.**

\* HYMN – Glory Be to God the Father

298 (see pg. 5 – 6)

### PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

*Please share a word or sign of the Peace of Christ with those around you as you are comfortable. In doing so, please be mindful of the preference of others in how you offer or receive this sign (smile, handshake, fist bump, nod or elbow tap). **May the peace of Christ be with you!***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN – Spirit of the Living God

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 103:1-14** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

*Following the Responsive Psalm, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Parents can meet the children there following worship. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.*

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 735)

**Jeremiah 31:27-34**

**SERMON: To Forgive ... and Forget?**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear;  
what a privilege to carry  
every thing to God in prayer.  
Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
oh what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavyladen,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

## THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *Acquaint Now Thyself With Him*

M. Head

*Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace; Thereby good shall come unto thee.  
Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace;  
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill,  
For the Lord our God is holy, O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
Fear before Him all the earth.*

*Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name,  
Bring an offering and come unto His courts.  
Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the most high God?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings?  
He hath showed us what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee,  
But to do justly, and to love mercy, And to walk humbly with thy God.*

*Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace; Thereby good shall come unto thee.  
Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace.*

### \* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**As we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen**

### GOD SENDS US

\* HYMN – To God Be The Glory

350 (see pg. 8 – 9)

\* THE BENEDICTION

# Glory be to God the Father

REGENT SQUARE 878787

Descant

3. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" an - gel choirs their

B $\flat$  /D B $\flat$  /F F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D Gm

1. Glo - ry be to God the Fath - er, glo - ry be to  
 2. Glo - ry to the One who loved us, washed us from each  
 3. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" an - gel choirs their

hymns pro - long; "Hon - our rich - es, power, do - min - ion!"

F/A F7 B $\flat$  /F /D B $\flat$  Cm Gm/D D

God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
 sin and stain; glo - ry to the One who bought us,  
 hymns pro - long; "Hon - our, rich - es, power, do - min - ion!"

See also: Regent Square 143

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ech - oes all cre - a - tion's song. Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F F

God al - might - y, Three - in - One! Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 raised us up to serve and reign. Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 ech - oes all cre - a - tion's song. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

glo - ry, glo - ry, prais - es to our God be - long.  
 Bb 7 Eb Cm Bb/D Cm/Eb Gm F 7 Bb

glo - ry, glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain.  
 glo - ry, glo - ry, prais - es to our God be - long.

### Optional Verse

1. Glory be to God our Maker,  
 God Redeemer, holy Son;  
 glory be to God the Spirit,  
 God almighty, Three-in-One!  
 Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
 while eternal ages run.

# Spirit of the living God

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD 12 12 8 12

F C F B $\flat$  F C F F/A

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the  
 2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all; make us one in

C7/G F B $\flat$  Gm F/C C F B $\flat$  F G G 7

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mould me, fill me,  
 heart and mind; make us one in love: hum - ble, car - ing, self - less,

C C7 F C F B $\flat$  F/C C7 F

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me!  
 shar - ing. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

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# To God be the glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11 11 11 with refrain

G /B D 7 G /B D G

1. To God be the glo - ry, who great things has done!  
 2. Oh per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
 3. Great things God has taught us, great things God has done

C G (/B) A9 (/C#) D

God so loved the world!—free - ly send - ing the Son,  
 to eve - ry be - liev - er the pro - mise of God,  
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
 that when the of - fen - der, re - pent - ing, be - lieves,  
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

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7 Csus2 C6 G D G/D D7 G

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 through Je - sus' a - tone - ment, full par - don re - ceives!  
 our won - der, our glad - ness, when Je - sus we see!

Refrain G G/B D7/A G D

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice!

D G/B D7/A G

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

D7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

Oh come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

G7 Csus2 C6 G/D D G/D D7 G

and give God the glo - ry, who great things has done.

POSTLUDE *Voluntary and Fugue No. 1 from Twelve Voluntaries for Organ* Anon. London, 1780  
Central Presbyterian Church is here to offer sacred space for worship, a safe space for community groups to gather, and a generous space to **Hamilton Out of the Cold** serving meals to those who need them. Your presence with us today and your support of our work means so much. May God bless you richly!

If you would like to get to know Central better, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or spend some time going through our Website ([www.cpchamilton.ca](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or [lois@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:lois@cpchamilton.ca)). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or [carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca](mailto:carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca).

**Status of the search for our new minister:** The congregational profile has now been forwarded to the Church Vocations Office at 50 Wynford Drive in Toronto (the PCC Head Office) for distribution to potential candidates. It is also now available for all to see on the church website. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us to that special someone God has in mind to lead the congregation into the future. During the search process, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson (our Interim Moderator) either in-person at coffee time following Sunday services; by phone at 905-574-4383; or by email at [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, August 18, 10:30 a.m.                      **Sunday Worship Service**

~ Wednesday, August 21, 3:00–7:00 p.m.        **Durand Market**

~ Sunday, September 8:  
**In worship                      - Blessing of the backpacks & Commissioning of teachers**

**Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks**



**Following worship - Faith Finders' Registration/ BBQ & Corn Roast**

~ Sunday, September 29                              **National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday**

~ Sunday, October 6, 3:00 p.m.                      **Music @ Central: Chamber Concert**

**Statement of Welcome and Inclusion**

Central Presbyterian Church  
**God's Love Includes Everyone**

We strive to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving, and supportive community unified in Jesus Christ. As an inclusive congregation, we joyfully affirm and honour the diversity of God's creation. Our community is richer when we include people of all ages, gender identities, racial and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, economic circumstances and family configurations. We proclaim this statement of inclusion to all who have experienced the pain of exclusion or discrimination by the church and society. All are invited to join a body of believers, to participate fully in the life, leadership, witness and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge we are imperfect and in different stages of our faith journey. **No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.**



CPC Statement of Welcome: [www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/)



**Come Sing With Us . . .**

Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central! The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry.

We also welcome additional singers to join us temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at [music@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:music@cpchamilton.ca)

**Mission and Community Volunteer Opportunity:**

Central will join the Durand Market every Wednesday to raise funds for **Hamilton Food Share**; providing our community opportunity to address the food security crisis in Hamilton. If you would like to donate a few hours of your time, or can help on a more regular basis, collecting donations at the Market, please speak to Adele Pierre ([adeleclld@gmail.com](mailto:adeleclld@gmail.com)) or Arlene Quackenbush ([dqarlen@gmail.com](mailto:dqarlen@gmail.com)). Come and spend a pleasant summer afternoon meeting our neighbours and joining with them to alleviate hunger in our city.



**Central Presbyterian Church - Land Acknowledgement \***

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.

\* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement  
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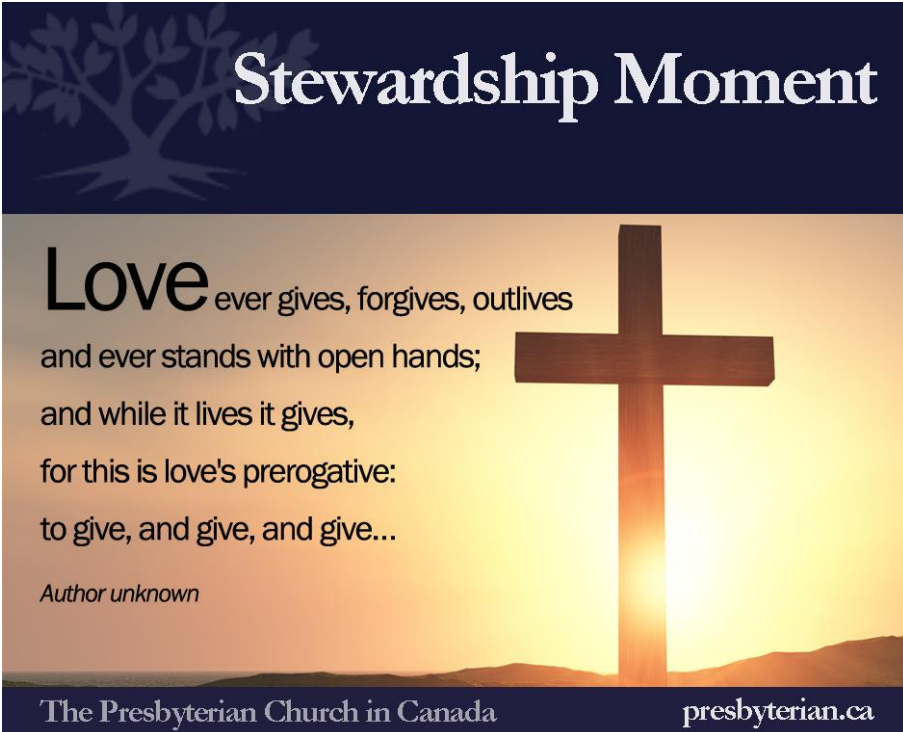
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*OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central*

You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, or send a cheque to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca).

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit [cpchamilton.ca/giving](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving)

Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.



**Stewardship Moment**

**Love** ever gives, forgives, outlives  
and ever stands with open hands;  
and while it lives it gives,  
for this is love's prerogative:  
to give, and give, and give...

*Author unknown*

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### **Word of the Day:**

*For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

(Jeremiah 31:34)

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