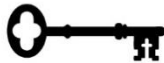




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON**

**August 25, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**Minister - Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis**

**Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes**

**Soloist - Jeremy Ludwig**

**Lector - Abbie Boyko**

**Greeters - Gloria Gavin & Tracy Woodrow**

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

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

PRELUDE *Fantasia: Maestoso Lento*

J. Rheinberger

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** God hears our cries and rescues us from trouble.  
**Congregation:** Let us praise God's holy name.

God draws near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.  
**Let us praise God's holy name.**

Let us worship the One who brings new life  
and praise God's holy name forever.

\* HYMN - All People That On Earth Do Dwell

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1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his flock, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

## 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 – Be Still And Know That I Am God

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1. Be still and know that I am God.  
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Be still and know that I am God.

2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 121** 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. 81)

**Luke 18:1-8**

### SERMON: “Not to Lose Heart”

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – My Faith Looks Up To Thee

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1. My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine:  
now hear me when I pray;  
take all my guilt away;  
oh let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

2. May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart;  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh may my love to thee  
pure, warm and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3. While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness tum to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll,  
blest Saviour, then, in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul.

### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *He That Keepeth Israel*

A. Schlösser

*He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps,  
He will give his Angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways,  
He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
Put thy trust in Him and call upon Him, for His ears are open unto thy pray'rs;  
He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.*

\* 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**

**9 Lord of light, whose name and splendour**

1. Lord of light, whose name and splendour  
far outshine the suns of space,  
deign to make us your co-workers  
in the kingdom of your grace;  
use us to fulfil your purpose  
in the gift of Christ your Son:  
Abba, as in highest heaven  
so on earth your will be done.
2. By the faithfulness of workers  
serving you in every field;  
by the courage where the radiance  
of the cross is still revealed;  
by the victories of meekness,  
through reproach and suffering won:  
Abba, as in highest heaven  
so on earth your will be done.
3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing,  
at your feet might humbly kneel;  
with your grace our triumphs hallow,  
with your charity our zeal;  
lift all nations from the shadows  
to the gladness of the sun:  
Abba, as in highest heaven  
so on earth your will be done.
4. By the prayers of faithful watchers,  
never silent day or night;  
by the cross of Jesus bringing  
peace to all, and healing light;  
by the love that passes knowledge,  
making all your children one:  
Abba, as in highest heaven  
so on earth your will be done.

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\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C Major*

A. F. Hesse

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).

**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 ([adeleld@gmail.com](mailto:adeleld@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 Calendar

~ Sunday, August 25, 10:30 a.m.                      **Sunday Worship Service**

~ Wednesday, August 28, 3:00–7:00 p.m.      **Durand Market**

~ Sunday, September 8:

**In worship                      - Blessing of the backpacks & Commissioning of teachers**



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

~ **Dr. Nick Athanasiadis will be on vacation September 11-October 4**

~ Sunday, September 15                              **Worship led by the Rev. Lois Whitwell**

~ Sunday, September 22                              **Worship led by the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson**

~ Sunday, September 29                              **Orange Shirt/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

### **Guest Preacher Adrian Jacobs**

Adrian Jacobs is Ganosono (Deer Lodge), Turtle Clan, Cayuga Nation, Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Grand River Country in Southern Ontario, Turtle Island. He serves NAIITS An Indigenous Learning Community as Elder Liaison for the NAIITS Elders Circle and is Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation for the Christian Reformed Church in North America in Canada. Adrian is a single father of five and a grandfather of four. A storyteller and artist at heart he writes poetry and poetic prose about passionate matters of Indigenous justice and the vicissitudes of life. Public speaking has taken him to collaborations with Indigenous and decolonizing communities in Canada, the United States and globally.

~ Sunday, October 6                                      **World Communion 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)



## 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  
<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

## Congregational Givings

*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

For if eagerness is there,  
the gift is acceptable  
according to what one has –  
not according to what  
one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12





## **Word of the Day:**

*Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.  
(Luke 18:1)*

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*

*Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson*

*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*

*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante*

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