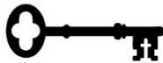




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 1, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service**  
**Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis**  
**Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes**  
**Soloist – Emma Reilly McKay**  
**Lector – Shirley Fredlander**  
**Greeters – Judy Johnson & Jean Williams**

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

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

PRELUDE *Air and Gavotte*

S. Wesley

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we gather in praise of you and in awe of your abundant blessings.  
Congregation: **We come ready to worship.**  
Your Word is before us.  
**Open our ears so we may hear.**  
Your vision surrounds us.  
**Open our eyes so we may see.**  
Your hope lives within us.  
**Open our hearts so we may understand.**  
Let us praise our Triune God who blesses us,  
challenges us, and transforms us.

\* HYMN – O Lord, Thou Art My God And King

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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 – Stand Up And Bless The Lord

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1. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
God's people now rejoice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear God's holy name,  
and praise and magnify?

3. Oh for the living flame  
from God's own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought.

4. God is our strength and song;  
now is salvation ours.  
God's love in Christ we now proclaim  
with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless God's glorious name  
henceforth forevermore.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 34:1-14** 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. 334)

**2 Kings 4:8-37**

SERMON: **“It is all right.”**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – In the Bulb There is a Flower

674 (see pg. 6)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *My Heart Ever Faithful from Cantata No. 68*

J. S. Bach

*My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near;  
Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining, My Jesus is here;  
My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is here!*

\* 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 - I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace

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1. I know not why such wondrous grace  
to me God has made known;  
nor why, unworthy as I am,  
Christ claimed me for his own,

2. I know not why this saving faith  
to me God did impart,  
nor how believing in the word brought  
peace into my heart, (Refrain)

Refrain: but I know whom I have believed  
and am persuaded that Christ is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day.

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing me of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the word,  
creating faith in him: (Refrain)

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Largo and Double Fugue in G Major*

W. Boyce

## O Lord, thou art my God and King

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D A7/E D/F# G A7/E D A/E E7 A D A7/E D/F#

1. O Lord, thou art my God and King; thee will I  
 2. Thee will I bless each day I rise, and praise thy  
 3. Thy saints shall praise thy glo - rious name; thy might - y  
 4. Thy might shall be by all ex - tolled; thy glo - rious  
 5. Thy faith - ful shall make known the fame of thy great

G D/F# Em D A D A7/E D/F# D D/F#

mag - ni - fy and praise: I will thee bless and  
 name, time with - out end; much to be praised and  
 acts they shall de - clare; thy won - drous works I  
 grace I will re - cord; with all my strength I  
 good - ness and shall bless the splen - dour of thy

G A7/E D D/A A D/F# G A7/E D D/F# G D/A A A7 D

glad - ly sing un - to thy ho - ly name al - ways.  
 great God is, whose great - ness none can com - pre - hend.  
 will pro - claim and med - i - tate on them with prayer.  
 will un - fold thy great and might - y acts, O Lord.  
 glo - rious name, prais - ing a - loud thy right - eous - ness.

Alternate tune: Warrington

Words: Psalm 145:1-7; paraphrase, Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt

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# In the bulb there is a flower

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*Unison*      F      Gm/F

1. In the bulb there is a flow - er, in the seed, an ap - ple tree,  
 2. There's a song in eve - ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3. In our end is our be - gin - ning, in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

C7/G      F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in eve - ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing, in our life, e - ter - ni - ty,

F7    Bb    (Gm6)    F/A    Gm    A    Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion, at the last, a vic - to - ry,

/C    Bb    Gm6    F/C    Dm    Gm    7    C    7    Fsus4-3

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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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 ([adelecd@gmail.com](mailto:adelecd@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, September 1, 10:30 a.m.                      **Sunday Worship Service**

~ Wednesday, September 4, 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  
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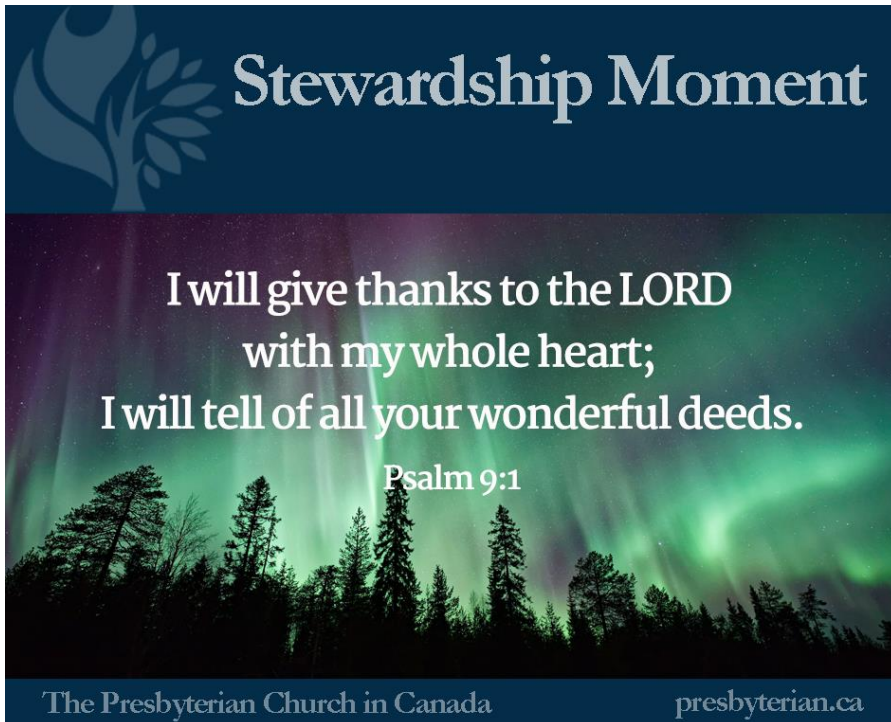
## Congregational Givings

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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.



## Word of the Day:

*When the man of God saw her coming,  
he said to Gehazi his servant,  
'Look, there is the Shunammite  
woman; <sup>26</sup>run at once to meet her,  
and say to her,  
Are you all right?  
Is your husband all right?  
Is the child all right?'  
She answered, 'It is all right.'*

(2 Kings 4: 25-26)



*What is to Be Done for Thee" By Elspeth Young*

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