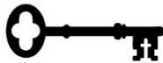




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Guest Organist – Emile Swanepoel

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Cantilena from Organ Sonata No.11, Op.148*

Josef Rheinberger

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT "*Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels*"

627 vs. 1 & 4

Words by T. D. Smith, Music by P. Cutts

*Not for tongues of heaven's angels, not for wisdom to discern,
not for faith that masters mountains, for this better gift we yearn:
may love be ours, O Lord.*

*In the day this world is fading faith and hope will play their part,
but when Christ is seen in glory love shall reign in every heart:
may love be ours, O Lord.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

Come, people of God,
worship the One who listens to our prayers.

Congregation:

We will worship the One who hears us.

Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.

Come, people of God,

worship the One who offered his life for us.

We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.

* HYMN -Be Thou My Vision

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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 -Take Up Your Cross

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the upstairs Faith Finders room. Parents can meet the children there following worship. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 19 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 43)

Mark 8:27- 38

SERMON: *Choosing to follow!*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Be Joyful*

H. Willan

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: come before his presence with a song

* 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 - O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 556*

J. S. Bach

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). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena (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). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca.

"And over all these virtues
put on love, which binds them all
together in perfect unity."

Colossians 3:14

*Valery and Jim Dunlop
celebrate 65 years of marriage on
September 15.*

Their support, patience and love
for each other is a testament to the
grace and love of God.

Happy Blue Sapphire Anniversary!

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.

Knit & Knatter Invitation:

Fall things are starting at Central, and you are invited to join the Knit & Knatter group. They plan to meet on Wednesdays (instead of Tuesdays), beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at noon, starting on September 11th. Newcomers are invited, and needles and yarn are available. Feel free to contact Jean Williams if you have any questions.



Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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

~ Sunday, September 15

Sunday Worship Service

led by the Rev. Lois Whitwell

~ Wednesday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group**

~ Wednesday, September 18, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market**

~ Thursday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**

~ Sunday, September 22 **Sunday Worship Service**

led by the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

~ Monday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**

~ 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: Dr. Marcus Scholtes

- Violin and Piano Chamber Concert

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.

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit 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.



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

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.



Stewardship Moment



Like good stewards
of the manifold
grace of God,
serve one another
with whatever gift
each of you has
received.

-1 Peter 4:10

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.

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Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/

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

Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

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