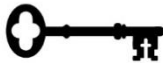




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship Service**

**Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson**

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

**Lector – Dr. Mary Guise**

**Greeters – Ingrid & Tom Scott**

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

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

PRELUDE *Andante semplice*

E. Tomlinson

INTROIT *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Hymn 649 v. 1 + 4

Words by F. P. Green, Music by C. H. H. Parry

*How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call;  
to live according to your Word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored  
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.*

*In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you -  
the cross you hung upon - all you endeavored done.*

OPENING WORDS: Peace be with you; **and also with you.**

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** My friends, right here, right now, God is with us in this place.  
I therefore invite you to join me in worship of the Lord our God.

**People:** **Holy Lord, during this time of worship  
enable each of us to lay aside our normal cares and concerns for a while.  
Draw us close to your heart,  
inspire us to be enthusiastic in our worship this day  
and then encourage us to live our daily lives in accord with your will.**

OPENING PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICES OF COMMISSIONING

*The Coordinator of the Nursery and Faith Finders is invited to come forward.*

*The teachers and youth leaders are invited to come forward.*

**Minister:** Brothers and Sisters and Siblings in Christ Jesus, we’re all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts, for a variety of ministries for the common good. God of Creation, you’ve gifted these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you’ll fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit, with energy and insight into your Word and heart.

**Teachers:** You haven’t called us to be perfect. You’ve called us to be faithful. You haven’t called us to be all-knowing. You’ve called us to believe. We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching the young ones. Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching of your Word.

**Congregation:** God of hope, guide each teacher and leaders as they study your Word. Strengthen the gifts you’ve given them and energize their compassion, Remind us to find ways to support and encourage them throughout the year, and may we share in both their times of joy and their times of difficulty.

**All:** **Lord, as we now commit ourselves, each to our part, in this joyful task, may your steadfast love guide all we say and do. Amen**

**Minister:** To all of you standing before me, having accepted this mantle of service and been assured of the support of this faith community, I hereby commission you in the name of Jesus Christ, to serve this congregation as teachers and leaders of our youth, may God bless and guide you as you engage in this holy task.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

*The Coordinator, teachers and youth leaders return to their seats.*

Tell me the old, old story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
Tell me the story simply,  
as to a little child,  
for I am weak and weary,  
and helpless and defiled.

Refrain:

Tell me the old, old story;  
tell me the old, old story;  
tell me the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

Tell me the story slowly,  
that I may take it in,  
that wonderful redemption,  
God's remedy for sin.  
Tell me the story often,  
for I forget so soon;  
the early dew of morning

has passed away at noon.  
(Refrain)

Tell me the story softly,  
with earnest tones and grave;  
remember I'm the sinner  
whom Jesus came to save.  
Tell me the story always,  
if you would really be,  
in any time of trouble,  
a comforter to me.  
(Refrain)

Tell me the same old story,  
when you have cause to fear  
that this world's empty glory  
is costing me too dear.  
Yes, and when that world's glory  
is dawning on my soul,  
tell me the old, old story:  
Christ Jesus makes thee whole.  
(Refrain)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 46** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 44)

**Mark 9:30-37**

SERMON: **“Back to Front.”**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Spirit Of The Living God

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### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *We Will Rejoice*

W. Croft, Ed. by P. M. Young

*We will rejoice, will rejoice in thy salvation,  
and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God.*

*Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses:  
but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.*

\* 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.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 – Just As I Am, Without One Plea

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1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee I find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

\* CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postludium in D-flat Major*

F. Peeters

## Sing your praise to God eternal

ARFON (MAJOR) 8 7 8 7 D

G/B Am6 G /F# C/E G D Em C D G

1. Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,  
 2. Join the praise of eve - ry crea - ture; sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;  
 3. Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;

G Em D /C G/B D7/A G /B D7/F# G Am6 G/B C D7 G

sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.  
 when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear the heav - en - ly an - ti - phon.  
 praise God in our times of sad - ness, for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.

D/F# G /B Am G/B Cmaj7 D G/B D7/A G D/F# C/E Em7 Am D

God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true;  
 Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glo - ries, win - ter snows,  
 God our Mak - er, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,

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# 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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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).

### **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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 22, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**  
led by the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson
- ~ Monday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. **Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group**
- ~ Wednesday, September 25, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market**
- ~ Thursday, September 26, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, September 29, 10:30a.m. **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, 10:30 a.m. **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/>

## Central's Book Club 2024-2025

All meetings are on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m. in Central's Allan Room.

September's Book:

---The Personal Librarian by Benedict and Murray (Nancy's choice)

Some other selections for this season:

---A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini (Gwynneth's Choice)

---Ordinary Grace by William Kent Kruegar (Beth's choice)

---The Maid by Nita Prose (Michelle's Choice)

--- The Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo (Colleen and Larry's Choice)

Meeting Dates:

September 24, October 29, November 26, January 28, March 25, April 29, May 27

Please contact Larry Kurtz or Central's office, if you have questions regarding Book Club

### 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, to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca) or send a cheque. 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**

Faith itself  
grows when we  
give generously  
and sacrificially.

*Unknown*

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## 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)

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

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

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*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier*

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