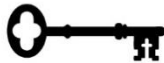




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

September 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Tom Sproule

Greeters – Abbie Boyko & Gloria Gavin

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prelude in E-flat Major*

J. Seger

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Sanctuary Song*

R. Scruggs and J. Thompson

Faith Finders, Christine & Jeremy Sandor, Kirk Starkey

*Lord prepare me, To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, Tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.*

1- melody only
2- melody & harmony
3- melody & harmony with snaps
4- melody & harmony with claps

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

The world belongs to God,

Congregation:

the earth and all its people.

How good and how lovely it is

to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

Open our lips, O God,

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

1. O God, thou art my God alone;
early to thee my soul shall cry,
a pilgrim in a land unknown,
a thirsty land whose springs are dry.

2. Yet through this rough and thorny maze
I follow hard on thee, my God;
thy hand unseen up holds my ways;
I safely tread where thou hast trod.

3. Thee in the watches of the night
when I remember on my bed,
thy presence makes the darkness light;
thy guardian wings are round my head.

4. Better than life itself, thy love,
dearer than all beside to me,
for whom have I in heaven above,
or what on earth, compared with thee?

5. Praise with my heart, my mind, my voice,
for all thy mercy I will give;
my soul shall still in God rejoice;
my tongue shall bless thee while I live.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION 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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

* BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS LITANY

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,
Congregation: and we belong to each other.
We can share our joy, laughter, and hope,
We can share our fears, overwhelm, and sadness.
When we share what is good,
It is multiplied.
When we share what is hard,
The load is divided.
In our schools and communities,
May we learn and grow.
In our classes and groups,
May we show support and build each other up.
In our homes and families,
May we embody care and spark love.
Together we are the body of Christ,
And we belong to each other.

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

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 79)

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON: **The Gate**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

635 (see pg. 7)

THE OFFERING

*O ye who bear Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory:
All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wonderous story!
The Love, the Wisdom, still adore For ever and for ever more.*

*Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth, Behold thy children round thee!
From east and west, from south and north, Thy scattered sons have found thee;
And in thy bosom Christ adore For ever and for ever more.*

*O Father, O co-equal Son, O co-eternal Spirit,
In persons Three, in substance One, And One in power and merit;
In thee baptized, we thee adore For ever and for ever more.*

* 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 - Lord of Light, Whose Name and Splendour

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in B Flat Major, Andante and Vivace*

M. Greene

We are God's people

SYMPHONY 11 11 14 8 9

Unison F

C /Bb F/A Bb F F C F C

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
 2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
 3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is head,
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

F C /Bb F/A Bb F C F C

born of the Spir - it, es - tab - lished by the word; our
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now
 called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; a -

Cm Gm/Bb A7 /C# Dm /C Bb

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: oh
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: oh
 wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: oh
 lone, we die, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet

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C /Bb Gm C F G C Bb/C/Bb Gm F/A Bb/maj7 Gm F/C C F

let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.
 let us free - ly give our gifts, and so shall God's work on earth be done.
 joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8787

E♭ (Fm/E♭ E♭maj7) A♭/E♭ (E♭maj7 Fm/E♭ E♭) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) E♭/G Fm7 (E♭/G) B♭



1. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, and com-pan-ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;



A♭ E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ A♭/C (B♭6 A♭6 E♭/G) Fm (E♭/G Fm/A♭) Cm A♭6 B♭7 E♭



- pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor-row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

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Mission

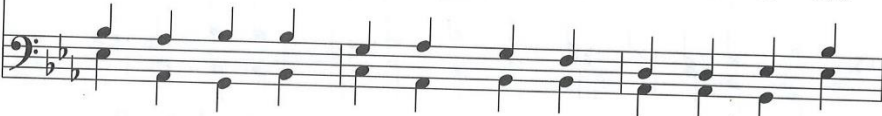
769 Lord of light, whose name and splendour

BETHANY (SMART) 8 7 8 7 D


E^b A^b E^b/G B^b6 C^m A^b E^b/B^b B^b /A^b E^b/G E^b




1. Lord of light, whose name and splendour far out-shine the
2. By the faith-ful-ness of work-ers serv-ing you in
3. Grant that know-ledge, still in-creas-ing, at your feet might
4. By pray-ers of faith-ful watch-ers, nev-er si-lent




E^b/G A^b6 B^b E^b C^m B^b/D B^b6 C^m F7 B^bsus4-3




suns of space, deign to make us your co-work-ers
eve-ry field; by the cour-age where the ra-diance
hum-bly kneel; with your grace our tri-umphs hal-low,
day or night; by the cross of Je-sus bring-ing



B^b/A^b E^b/G A^b/C E^b/B^b B^b7 E^b B^b /D F^{sus}4-3



in the king-dom of your grace; use us to ful-
of the cross is still re-vealed; by the vic-to-
with your char-i-ty our zeal; lift all na-tions
peace to all, and heal-ing light; by the love that



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Eb/G Cm/A Eb/Bb Bb /D Bb7 Eb6 Bb/F F7 Bb

fil your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son:
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - fering won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es know - ledge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb Ab/C Bb7/D Ebsus4-3 Ab C7 Fm Eb/G Ab6 Bb7 Eb

Ab - ba, as in high - est heav - en so on earth your will be done.

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.

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.

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/

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, September 8, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

In worship

→ Blessing of the backpacks



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

~ Monday, September 9, 7:30 p.m.

Search Committee Meeting

~ Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group**

~ Wednesday, September 11, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market**

~ Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**

~ **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: Dr. Marcus Scholtes

- Violin and Piano Chamber Concert

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.





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

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.

Stewardship Moment

Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared.

Rev. Henri Nouwen (priest, professor, writer, theologian)



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Prompts for Reflection:



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That chasm between the rich and the poor
isn't some cosmic division.
It's the rich man's invention: the gate outside his house,
that hid Lazarus from him,
that kept him safe from the suffering of others.
It's his refusal, still, to enter into Lazarus' world,
and his refusal to receive the poor as anyone
but as servants for his own needs.
To enter into the life of the poor
is to cross the chasm—indeed, to close it.
It's not an eternal abyss.
It's a wound we hold in our hearts
till we choose to heal it.

- Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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Word of the Day:

*“Between you and us
a great chasm has been fixed,
so that those who might want
to pass from here to you
cannot do so, and no one can
cross from there to us.”*

—Luke 16. 26