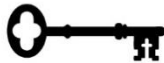




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Reformation Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Organist – Emile Swanepoel

Lector – Seke Fowode

Greeters – Gloria Gavin & Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Sarabande from French Suite No. 1 in D minor, BWV 812*

J.S. Bach

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

678 vs. 1-2

*1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come among us God
 You, who cast the planets into space
 And cradle the sparrow in her nest

Congregation: Come God and meet us here.

 Come among us God
 You, who bless the poor and broken
 And stand by the sad and the strong
Come God and meet us here.

 Come among us God
 You, who dance in the silence
 And shine in the darkness
Come God and meet us here.

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.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE: May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – Open My Eyes, That I May See

500 (see pg. 6)

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. 225)

Hebrews 11:1, 8-28, 29-39

SERMON: The Reformation and the English Bible

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – For All The Saints

611 vs. 1-2, 7-8

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, o Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight,
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Sing Unto The Lord*

P. Aston

*O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: sing, O sing, sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.
Declare his glory, his glory among the nations, declare his wonders among all the people.
For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.*

* 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 - Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

483

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
One whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for a strong abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear,
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading
light by night and shade by day
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
we, through grace, a part may claim,
let the world deride or pity,
we will glory in thy name.
Fading is all worldly pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium from Cathedral Suite*

Gordon Young

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.

We extend condolences to all who grieve the passing of Barbara Seale. Barbara, a member of Central, passed away on Monday, October 14, 2024.

Open my eyes, that I may see

OPEN MY EYES 8 8 9 8 with refrain

Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab6 Ab

1. O - pen my eyes, that I - may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear,
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth eve - ry - where;

C7/G Fm C7/E Fm C7 Fm Bb Eb

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 and while the wave - notes fall on my ear, eve - ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain
Ab Eb7/Bb Eb7 Ab

Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see;

(Eb/Bb Ab/C) Ab7C# Db(6) Eb7 Ab

o - pen my eyes:
 o - pen my ears: il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 o - pen my heart:

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Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. **Gospel of Mark Study Week 1 (Allan Room)**
- ~ Sunday, October 27, 10:30 a.m. **Reformation Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Tuesday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)**
- ~ Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. **Book Club (Allan Room)**
- ~ Wednesday, October 30, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market – final Market Day for 2024**
- ~ Friday, November 1, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Central Youth**
- ~ Sunday, November 3 **Daylight Savings Ends – Clocks go back 1 hour**
- ~ Sunday, November 3, 3:00 p.m. **Music @ Central: Kodak Quartet Chamber Concert**
- ~ Monday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Friday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Climate Action: Be Part of the Solution**



DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving ends at 2 a.m. November 3. Clocks go back one hour.

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 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

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.

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 - 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/>

A Deeper Dive into Mark's Gospel

You are invited to a group study of *the gospel of Mark*, led by Dr. Nick Athanasiadis.

5-part study: Sundays 9 - 10 A.M.

October 27 November 3/10/17/24

Register using the link in our Weekly Email, or contact the office (helena@cpchamilton.ca 905-522-9098 ext. 0)

As commentary we will be using **Mark for Everyone by Tom Wright**

Books are available through the office for a suggested price of \$22. If you order a book, you may connect with Shirley Fredlander on Sundays starting October 5.



In a different context from Sunday worship, this is your opportunity to experience Christian spirituality through guided reading, reflection and learning.

Some Goals:

- insight into the person of Jesus—who was he? What was he about?
- Insight into who disciples are. What is meant by discipleship, what is the Christian journey which we are on at different stages?
- enjoying fellowship with others who are on this journey with us
- risk personal transformation by tapping into the deepest spiritual sources which usher us into joy, peace, energy and desire to be part of the redemption of our world.

Stewardship Moment



I have held many things in my hands,
and I have lost them all.

But whatever I have placed
in God's hands,
that I still possess.

Martin Luther

Word of the Day:

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. (Hebrews 11:13)

Prompts for Reflection

The bible for me was my dad reading the stories to me before I could read them, it was imagination and wonder, secret meetings between heaven and earth, stories of those who believed the impossible



and by God were granted to see it transpire, it was most of all for a little boy, my parents' reverence for what was contained between its pages. A reverence I have carried with me, and I hope transmitted a little bit.

-Nick Athanasiadis

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