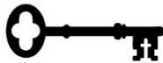




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Readers – Risa Umezie, Kene Umezie, Kelvin Olumide, Rachel Weresch

Personal Reflection – Neto & Chidinma Umezie

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

This morning, our service of worship is intergenerational!

Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *We Gather Together*

Netherlands Folk Song, Setting by J. Carter

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *As The Deer*

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*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

*You're my Friend and You are my Brother, even though You are a King;
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. Refrain*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

(Psalm 118:24)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

1. This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.

2. Open to us, open to us
the gates of God,
the gates of God;
we will go in, we will go in
and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.
Open to us the gates of God;
we will go in and praise the Lord.
Open to us, open to us
the gates of God.

3. You are our God, you are our God;
we will praise your name,
we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God; we will praise your name;
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God;
we will praise your name.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

You have called us out of every nation to belong to you. We welcome your presence amongst us here today, and ask that by your Spirit, you would enable us to worship you, to hear and understand your Word to us, and to be equipped for the mission you have given us.

In confession we pray, for all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love... *(silence)*

For what we have done and left undone. *(silence)*

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven... *(silence)*

Jesus, forgive us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

[Taken from a liturgy for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer, Anglican Church of Canada]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from past failures, to make a fresh start this day and every day. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others. Thanks be to God for such everlasting grace!

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – Sing Your Praise To God Eternal

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-13 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain III**

PERSONAL REFLECTION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Narekele Mo

You have done so much for me, I cannot tell it all, *Narakele mo.*

If I had ten thousand tongues, it still won't be enough, *Narakele mo*

Chukwu na gwom'oria le! When You heal, You heal completely! *Narekele mo*

Chukwu mar'obimo, Isi ikendu le! *Narekele mo*

What shall I render to Jehovah? For He has done so very much for me.

Nara Nara e, Narekele, Narekele mo.

Translations: *Nara, nara, Narekele mo:* Receive, receive, receive all my praise

Chukwu na gwom'oria le: The God who heals

Chukwu mar'obimo: The God who knows my heart

Isi ikendu le: The fountain of life

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 247)

I Samuel 3:1-10

SERMON: *A Voice Calling*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

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1. Jesus, wher e'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

2. Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

3. Lord, we are few, but thou art near,
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
oh rend the heavens, come quickly down
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Ancient Words*

Lynn Deshazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice, Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. *Refrain*

* 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



Who taught us when we pray to say: (hands together)

**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 Lord My God!

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing / Redeemed*

C. G. Glaser / W. J. Kirkpatrick

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 - hal, 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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G /F# Em G /F# Am/E Bm/D Em D7/F# G D7 Em Am D G

God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.
 for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.
 liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!

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O STORE GUD 11 10 11 10 with refrain (10 8 10 8)

Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb Em7b5 Edim

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

Bb/F F6 F7 Bb

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in

F7/C Bb/DEb Em7b5 Edim Bb/F F6 F7

hear the roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou

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Bb Bb7/D Eb Ebdim Eb Bb

played,
breeze,
sin,
art! then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee,

/F F7 F F7 Bb Bb7/D

How great thou art! how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Eb Ebdim Eb Bb F7/C Bb/D Eb6 G/D Cm F7 Bb

Sav-iour God, to thee, How great thou art! how great thou art!

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!

Fellowship Hall following worship: post it notes are available alongside Bristol Board. You are invited to make your way and write something you are thankful for and post it on one of large Bristol boards around the Hall.

All or some of these will be incorporated in our prayers of thanksgiving at an upcoming service of worship, as part of the prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

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.

Mission Committee White Gift Sunday Announcement – Sunday, December 1st, 2024:

This year, for our White Gift Sunday on December 1st, Central is working with **Giving Hearts of Hamilton**. This is one of the organizations that helps the un-housed in our city. The organization was started by two concerned citizens, Sandy & Rhonda, in 2016 as "Sandy Claus Stockings." The goal was to gather various items throughout the year and hand out 200 gift bags to the Unhoused during the Christmas season. Now, the group holds a once-a-month kindness day in the parking lot by Whitehern/ City Hall. Throughout each month items are dropped off to different encampments. Here is a list of items that are needed: hats, mitts, scarves, hot paws, blankets, coats, boots, tarps, sleeping bags, oversized ziplock bags for carrying their items to keep them dry. Hand creams, chapstick, Gift Cards to Tim Horton's or anywhere they could get a hot drink/soup etc., Snacks that are easy to carry around -granola bars, or nutrigrain bars.

Status of the search for our new minister: We have now entered an important phase of the search process as the Search Committee considers potential candidates for our new minister. Please pray for the members of the committee - that they might be wise and discerning as God's Holy Spirit leads them to that special person 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.

Please continue to pray along with the Search Committee during the search process.

The Search Committee prayer can be found on our website: [Search Committee Prayer - CPC Hamilton](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/Hamilton) : www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. **Gospel of Mark Study Week 4** (Allan Room)
- ~ Sunday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. **Intergenerational Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **HOOTC Café**
- ~ Monday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, November 21, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **HOOTC Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, November 21, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m. **Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Sunday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. **First Sunday of Advent**
~ **Communion and White Gift Sunday**
- ~ Sunday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. **Music @ Central: Devah Quartet Chamber Concert**
- ~ Friday, December 6, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Central Youth**
- ~ Sunday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. **Candlelight Carol Service**

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/

Congregational Givings

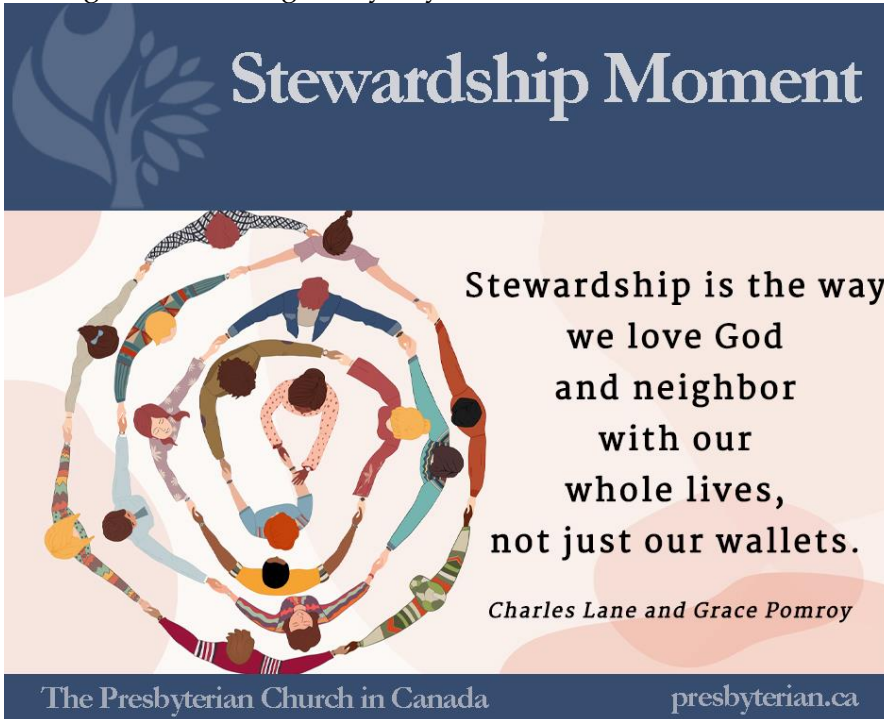
OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

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.

A graphic with a dark blue header containing the text "Stewardship Moment" in white. Below the header is a circular illustration of diverse people holding hands in a circle. To the right of the illustration is the text: "Stewardship is the way we love God and neighbor with our whole lives, not just our wallets." Below this text is the attribution "Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy". At the bottom of the graphic, on a dark blue background, is the text "The Presbyterian Church in Canada" on the left and "presbyterian.ca" on the right.

Stewardship Moment

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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/>

Word of the Day:

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' (1 Samuel 3:10)

Prompts for Reflection



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