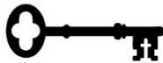




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Reader – Shirley Fredlander

Greeters – Jim & Myrna Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary in E Flat Major*

W. Boyce

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *From Heaven You Came, Helpless Babe*

379:1 & 4

*From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world,
your glory veiled, not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.*

*Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

*So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him,
each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving. Refrain*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even though darkness and fear threaten to overcome us and swallow us
People: **Yet we will place our hope and trust in Jesus who is the Christ.**

For he is the light of the world.
His love will shine on us, in us, and through us to all God's people.

We come to the presence of Christ with sadness and sorrow
And he offers his healing love, restoring us to light and joy. AMEN.

1. Oh worship the King, all glorious above;
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, De fender, Redeemer and Friend.

5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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 - Lord, The Light Of Your Love Is Shining

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 132:1-12 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. 197)

Philippians 2:1-11

According to some biblical scholars, these words are likely part of an early Christian hymn, which Paul himself learned. But for Paul this is Christmas, Good Friday and Easter all rolled into one. It forms the centerpiece of his letter and his message to the Christians in Philippi.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 43)

Mark 8:27-30

"Who do people say that I am?"

This is one of the most resonant questions in the entire New Testament. The question vibrated between the dusty Palestinian roads where Jesus first asked it, and it vibrates no less today.

SERMON: **Who is the Christ?**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

275

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

L. J. White

*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.*

* 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 - Rejoice, The Lord Is King

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1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Worship The King*

J. A. Stallsmith, attrib. to J. M. Kraus, Tune: Lyons

God in Christ

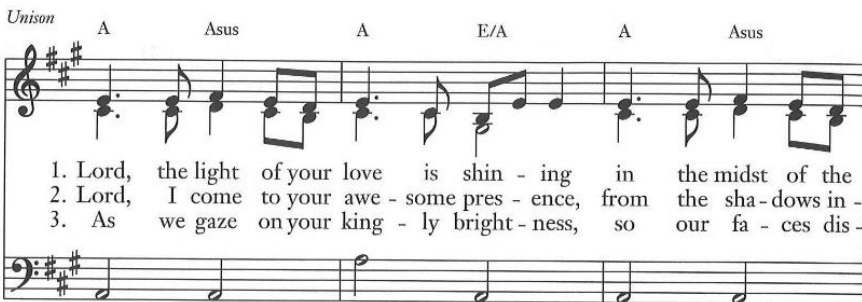
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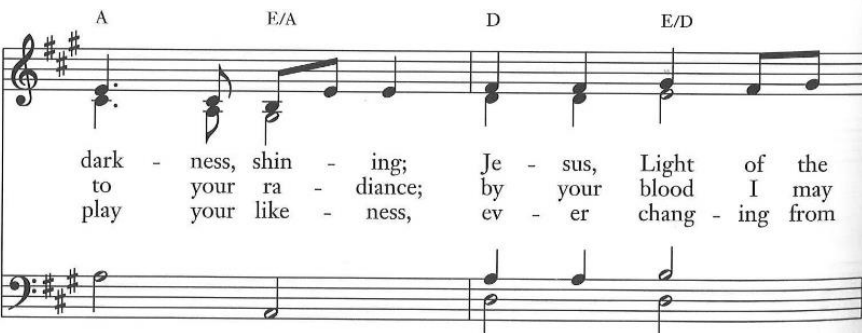


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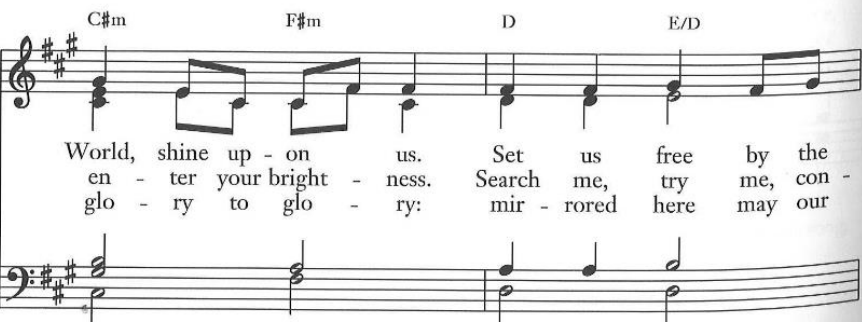
1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the sha - dows in -
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fa - ces dis -

A E/A D E/D



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
to your ra - diance; by your blood I may
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from

C#m F#m D E/D



World, shine up - on us. Set us free by the
en - ter your bright - ness. Search me, try me, con -
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C#m F#m G Esus E G Esus E

truth you now bring us.
sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
A E/A A D A Bm Bm/A

Shine, Je - sus shine; fill this land with the
Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with

Esus E Esus E A E/A A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
grace and mer - cy; send forth your word, Lord, and

1. Bm Bm/A G Esus E | 2. Bm E7 A D/A D.S. A

hearts on fire. let there be light!

Last time A

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.

The Children's Library has been moved to the Guild Room from the Faith Finders' Rooms on the second floor. The shelves have been stabilized, thanks to Steve Pierre, and the books replaced on the shelves. They are now ready to be used and borrowed by our Faith Finders. Please sign your name on the card in the front or back of the book and place it in the box on the shelf. Books can be returned to the basket by the door of the Guild Room. Enjoy!

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.

Advent Devotional ~ The Weary World Rejoices by Kate Bowler

This year, we invite you to embrace the Advent and Christmas season as it is – imperfect, beautiful, and real.

Join us in this journey with our free 4-week daily devotional, **The Weary World Rejoices**. **This Advent journey begins on Sunday, December 1, 2024.**

You can access this daily devotional via a downloadable PDF, an interactive PDF to save on your device, or online through these links: [The Weary World Rejoices - Kate Bowler](https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-weary-world-rejoices/#guides)
https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-weary-world-rejoices/#guides

Please contact Helena in the Office if you would like a printed copy of the devotional (helena@cpchamilton.ca)

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/) : www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, November 24, 9:00 a.m. | Gospel of Mark Study Week 5 (Allan Room) |
| ~ Sunday, November 24, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, November 24, 11:30 a.m. | Youth Lunch (Guild Room) |
| ~ Monday, November 25, 10:00 a.m. – Noon | HOOTC Café |
| ~ Monday, November 25, 7:30 p.m. | Search Committee Meeting |
| ~ Tuesday, November 26, 10:00 a.m. – Noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, November 26, 7:30 p.m. | Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Thursday, November 28, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. | HOOTC Meals to Go |
| ~ Thursday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ 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 |
| ~ Saturday, December 7, Noon – 3:00 p.m. | Durand Christmas Market |
| ~ 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.

Stewardship Moment

Giving is more than a responsibility –
it is a privilege;
more than an act of obedience –
it is evidence of our faith.

William Arthur Ward

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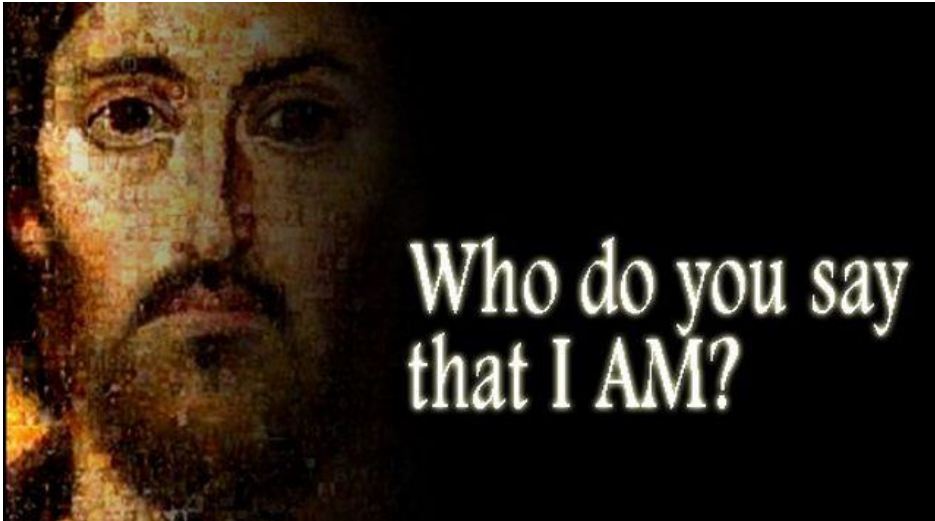
Central Presbyterian Church – Land Acknowledgement *

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: 'But who do you say that I am?'

Prompts for Reflection



This is one of the most resonant questions in the entire New Testament. The question vibrated between the dusty Palestinian roads where Jesus first asked it, and it vibrates no less today.

The 'right' answer of course is: 'you are the Christ' or the Messiah, and Peter gives it. But then is ordered to tell no one. In ordering them to tell no one Jesus is saying "yes" you have the title right, I am the Messiah, but no I am not the Messiah, you and the people expect. I need to open your eyes further into what kind of Messiah you have before you.

- Nick Athanasiadis

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