



Candlelight Carol Service

December 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

O come let us adore Him



Candlelight Carol Service

presented by the choir of

Central Presbyterian Church

165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, Ontario
Sunday, December 8, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE MUSIC: Hamilton Brass Quintet

Tryley, Tyrlow - P. Warlock, Arr. Holmes

Carol of the Bells - M. Leontovich, Arr. Frackenpohl

In Dulci Jubilo - Trad., Arr. Frackenpohl

* PROCESSIONAL CAROL: O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1. Oh come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels:

Refrain: Oh come, let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, Light of light,
born unto Mary, the virgin blest,
very God, begotten, not created: Refrain

3. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks draw nigh
with holy fear; we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps: Refrain

4. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God in the highest!' Refrain

5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: Refrain

THE BIDDING AND PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

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.

ANTHEM: Gloria in Excelsis from "Gloria" - A. Vivaldi

Gloria, in excelsis deo.

Glorify, praise God in the highest.

THE FIRST LESSON ~ Genesis 3: 8-15

Reader: Chris Allen

"The consequences of Adam's sin."

* **CAROL:** The First Noel

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1. The first noel the angel did say was to
certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, noel, noel, noel!

Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to search for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON ~ Genesis 22: 15-18

Reader: Chris Allen

"God promises Abraham in his seed all nations shall be blessed."

ANTHEM: In dulci jubilo - R. L. Pearsall

In dulci jubilo Let us our homage shew; Our heart's joy reclineth *In praeseptio*,
And like a bright star shineth *Matris in gremio*; *Alpha es et O, Alpha es et O.*

O Jesu parvule! My heart is sore for Thee! Hear me, I beseech Thee, *O Puer optime!*
My prayer let it reach Thee, *O Princeps gloriae!* *Trahe me post Te! Trahe me post Te!*

O Patris caritas! O Nati lenitas! Deep were we stained *Pernostra crimina*;
But Thou hast for us gained *Coelorum gaudia*: O that we were there, O that we were there!
Ubisunt gaudia, where, If that they be not there? There, are angels singing *Nova cantica*;
There, the bells are ringing *In Regiscuria*: O that we were there, O that we were there!

THE THIRD LESSON ~ Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader: Neto Umezie

"The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour."

CENTRAL YOUTH SONG: A Little Child on Earth Has Been Born

- Old Flemish Carol, Arr. by R. J. Powell

*A little child on the earth has been born.
He came to the earth for the sake of us all.
He came to earth, but no home did He find.
He came to earth and its cross did He bear.
He came to earth for the sake of us all,
And wishes us all a happy new year.*

THE FOURTH LESSON ~ Micah 5: 2-4

Reader: Chris Allen

"The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem."

* **CAROL:** The Bleak Midwinter

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1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall welcome him when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.
4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

"The angel Gabriel visits Mary."

ANTHEM: *The Little Road To Bethlehem* - Words by M. Rose, Music by M. Head, Arr. by N. Cain

*As I walked down the road at set of sun, The lambs were coming homeward, one by one;
I heard a sheep bell softly calling them, Along the little road to Bethlehem.*

*Beside an open door, as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby;
She sang about the lambs at close of day, And rocked her tiny King amid the hay.*

*Across the air the silver sheep bell rang, "The lambs are coming home,"
Sweet Mary sang, "Your Star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep my little King go lullaby."*

*As I walked down the road at set of sun, The lambs were coming homeward, one by one;
I heard a sheep bell softly calling them, Along the little road to Bethlehem.*

THE SIXTH LESSON ~ Luke 2: 1, 3-7

Reader: Kelvin Olumide

"Luke tells of the birth of Jesus."

* **CAROL:** Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

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1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
as prophets long have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when halfspent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when halfspent was the night.

3. This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendour
our darkness everywhere.
True flesh, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and shares our every load.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Romance for Violin and Organ Op. 38

- Laura Netzel, Sharon Lee, violin solo

ANTHEM: *Pium Paum* - Finnish Folk Song, Setting by S. Paulus, Katie Weresch, alto solo

*Pium paum, little Child of mine, Your mother Mary sings a song of love;
Pium paum singing winds at dusk, Now blend with rhapsodies from heav'n above.*

*Pium paum, rest your hand in mine, You spread your tiny infant fingers far:
Pium paum, like an op'ning flow'r, Or another faroff Christmas star.*

*Pium paum, now the dark drops low, I kneel and give my gift a treasured part...
Pium paum, for you, holy Child. The never ending glorias from my heart.*

THE SEVENTH LESSON ~ Luke 2: 8-16

Reader: Rev. Lois Whitwell

"The shepherds go to the manger."

* **CAROL:** What Child Is This

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1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

"The wise men are led by the star to Jesus."

ANTHEM: *My Lord Has Come - W. Todd*

*Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels;
No place for them but a stable.*

Refrain: My Lord has come, my Lord has come, Lord has come.

*Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
No place for them but a stable. Refrain*

*His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable. Refrain*

THE NINTH LESSON ~ John 1:1-14

Reader: Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

"The Gospel of John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation."

ANTHEM: *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day - J. Gardner*

*1. Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance,
To see the legend of my play, Refrain:*

*Refrain: To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*2. Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature, Refrain*

*3. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, Refrain*

*4. Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above, Refrain.*

ANTHEM: Past Three O'Clock - Trad. Arr. by C. Wood

Refrain:

Past three o'clock, And a cold, frosty morning:

Past three o'clock: Good morrow, masters all!

1. *Born is a Baby, Gentle as may be, Son of th' eternal Father supernal. Refrain*
2. *Seraph quire singeth, Angel bell ringeth: Hark how they rime it, Time it and chime it! Refrain*
3. *Mid earth rejoices Hearing such voices Ne' ertofores so well Carolling 'Nowell'. Refrain*
4. *Cheese from the dairy Bring they for Mary, And, not for money, Butter and honey. Refrain*
5. *Light out of star-land Leadeth from far land Princes to meet him, Worship and greet him. Refrain*
6. *Myrrh from full coffer, Incense they offer; Nor is the golden Nugget withholden. Refrain*

*** RECESSIONAL CAROL:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1. Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King, peace on earth and mercy mind,
God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him
come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail the incarnate
deity! Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Refrain

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise the lost of earth, born to give us second birth. Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Hamilton Brass Quintet

A Carol Fantasy - J. Iveson

Good King Wenceslas, Away In A Manger, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

~ A special thank you to the participants in tonight's service ~

The Choir of Central Presbyterian Church

Under the direction of Dr. Marcus Scholtes, Central's *Director of Music Ministries*

Soprano

Linie Broer
Johanna de Bruin
Sue Dunlop
Paula Grove
Emma Reilly McKay
Caroleen Molenaar
Marilyn Repchuck
Elspeth Thomson

Tenor

Hubert de Bruin
Bob de Haan
Jim Reilly
Emile Swanepoel
Gustav Swanepoel

Bass

Michael Davis
Ron Dirkse
Mike Fox
Steve Pierre
Jeremy Sandor

Alto

Brenda Broer
Seke Fowode
Judy Lindeman
Beth Mackay Reilly
Christine Sandor
Ramona Starkey
Sara Traficante
Connie Trotter
Janet Warren
Katie Weresch
Rachel Weresch
Kristie Wiedenfeld

Organ

Brent Fifield

Hamilton Brass Quintet

Michael Fedyshyn, Trumpet
Mary Jay, Trumpet
Neil Spaulding, Horn
Megan Hodge, Trombone
Jen Stephen, Tuba

Charlton String Quartet

Marcus Scholtes, Violin
Sharon Lee, Violin
Elspeth Thomson, Viola
Kirk Starkey, Cello

Readers: Chris Allen, Neto Umezie, Rachel Weresch, Kelvin Olumide,
Rev. Lois Whitwell, Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson, Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis



Welcome to Central this evening!

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 let Helena know (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098).

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!

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*The OFFERING this evening is in support
of the Music Ministry of Central Presbyterian Church*



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/welcome-statement/

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 marcus@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/>

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Christmas at Central

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 – 10:30 A.M.
THE CANDLE OF JOY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 – 10:30 A.M.
THE CANDLE OF LOVE
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 – 8:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE - CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29 – 10:30 AM
NEW YEAR'S EVE - WORSHIP – A BLESSING

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