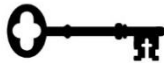




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

February 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Dr. Marilyn Craven
Greeters – Gloria Gavin & Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Fantasy in C*

T. Tomkins

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *The Love of God Comes Close*

474 vs. 1, 2

*The love of God comes close where stands an open door, to let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the Way; the love of God is here to stay.*

*The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn.*

The peace of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the Way; the peace of God is here to stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, in you we find refuge;

Congregation: **Let us never be put to shame.**

Turn your ear to us, O God, and save us.

For you are our rock and our fortress.

God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

God has been with us since we were born from our mother's womb.

Let us sing out our praise of God's steadfast love.

We will offer God all glory and honour this day and always!

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone,
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 71:1-6 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the downstairs HUB area. 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. 698)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

SERMON: **“To pluck up and to plant”**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky

717 (see pg. 7)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Kings in Glory*

M. Shaw

*Three Kings in great glory of horses and men,
In haste come riding o'er mountain and fen,
For their King is awaiting, and lo they would bring,
The best of their treasure to give to their King.*

*Poor shepherds lie huddled tonight on the plain,
Their silly sheep guarding from danger and pain;
For the wolves howl around them, and bitter the air,
That blows o'er the snowfield all frozen and bare.*

*Come monarchs, and enter, Your Monarch is here,
Doff crowns, on the bare sod fall down and revere,
For the best you can offer is little, I trow,
To the Lord God of Heav'n you're kneeling to now.*

*Come, shepherds, and fear not, he will not despise,
The gifts that you bring him, tho' rude in men's eyes,
See, he's not arrayed here in purple and gold,
God's Lamb lies as helpless as lamb of your fold.*

*Then simple and gentle, and foolish and wise,
Come adore the great Lord of the earth and the skies,
Who deigns for us all on this night to be born,
This night that is fairer than midsummer morn.*

* 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 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 - Be Thou My Vision

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Organ Voluntary in G Major*

J. Blow

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 the family of Gloria Bissell, a member of Central, who passed away at the age of 95 on January 29, 2025. A private graveside service will take place next week.

Starting February 1st, we are glad to welcome a new anchor tenant to our building. This daycare will be caring for children in the upstairs space. Part of the lease agreement is to provide the daycare staff with parking. Please note that on Mondays - Fridays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., our accessible parking area will be reserved for our new tenant.

Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY 6 6 11 D

D A/C# D Asus4-3 G Em6 D 6 A/C# Bm A/C# E7sus4-3

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of
 2. Oh let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will

A D G A G/B D Em/G D/F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

mine, and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing,
 be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing,
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing,

Bm Dmaj7/F# G D F#m E7 A C/E (D7) G D Em 6 D/F# (G) A

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 for none can guess its grace, till we be - come the place

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/G D/F# G A G/B D /F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and pride in earth - ly glo - ry scorns with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

We cannot own the sunlit sky

ENDLESS SONG 8787D

F Bb F

1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers
 2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night, and, wea-ry, wait for
 3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-

F/C C F/C (A) C F Bb6 Bb

grow-ing, for we are part of all that is with-
 morn-ing, when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and
 a-ting a fu-ture free from want or fear, life's

F/A F /C C7 /F F

in life's riv-er flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-
 war horns sound their warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-
 good-ness cel-e-brat-ing. That new world beck-ons

C (6) F C F C F

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bour, that
 from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-our, that

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all may have a-bun-dant life in eve-ry earth-ly na-tion.
 all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bour.
 all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

Worship

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Be thou my vision

SLANE 10 10 10 10

Descant

5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,

Unison Eb /G Ab Bb /Ab Eb/G Ab Fm6 Eb

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom; be thou my true word,
3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain earth - ly praise,
5. High King of heav - en, when the bat - tle is done,

grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heav - en's Sun;

Bb Fm (Eb) Bb/D Eb /G Ab Eb/G Eb6 Bb /Ab Eb/G

naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my ar - mour and be thou my might;
thou my in - her - it - ance, through all my days;
grant heav - en's joy to me, O bright heav - en's Sun;

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heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Ab Ab/Eb Eb Bb/D Cm Gm7 Ab (maj7) Bb/Ab

thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 thou my great Fath - er, thine own may I be,
 thou my soul's shel - ter and thou my high tower,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

Eb/G Eb (D) Cm Eb/G Ab6 /C Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 high King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art!
 still be my vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

Faith Finders has moved downstairs. After time with the children in the sanctuary, we will be gathering in the Hub in the basement. From there, our JK-Grade 3 class will be in a classroom down the hall, and our Grades 4-8 class will remain in the hub. Please pick up your children from those spots promptly after the service. If you are interested in teaching Faith Finders, please speak to Kristel Forcier (kristel@cpchamilton.ca), we have a few spots remaining.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
~ Sunday, February 2 after worship	Youth Bible Study (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.	Music @ Central: Charlton Quartet Chamber Concert
~ Monday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	HOOTC Café
~ Tuesday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, February 6, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	HOOTC Meals to Go
~ Thursday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
~ Monday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.	Search Committee Meeting (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, February 23 after worship	Annual General Meeting
~ Sunday, March 2	Communion Sunday and Pancake Brunch
~ Sunday, April 27	Dr. Nick’s Retirement Service and Lunch

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/

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.

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/C Appeal

Dear Congregation,

In the dead of winter, we are making an appeal for 5 Air Conditioning Units! The total cost is \$50,000. This Spring, they will be installed in the Boardroom, the Vestry, the Nursery and the Alan room.

This need results from the reconfiguration of our interior space to welcome new tenants in the nursery, as well as in the 3rd floor classrooms. These rentals will now provide us with regular income which enables us to offer sacred space for worship, a safe gathering place for the community, and of course concert space for Music@Central and music space for choirs and concerts in the city of Hamilton.



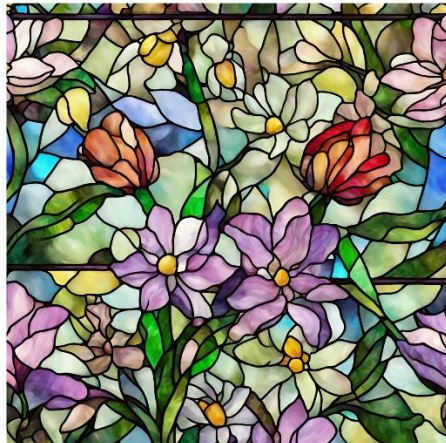
You are welcome to make your donation online, by cheque, or even in the offering plate marked **A/C appeal**. Donations of \$10,635 have been received towards the A/C appeal. We will keep you updated as we progress toward our goal of **\$50,000!**

Jim Morgan
Chair RMC

Stewardship Moment

How can we not be
giddy with gratitude
and reckless generosity
for all the gifts God has
given us?

Steve Garnaas-Holmes
(poet, songwriter, retired pastor)

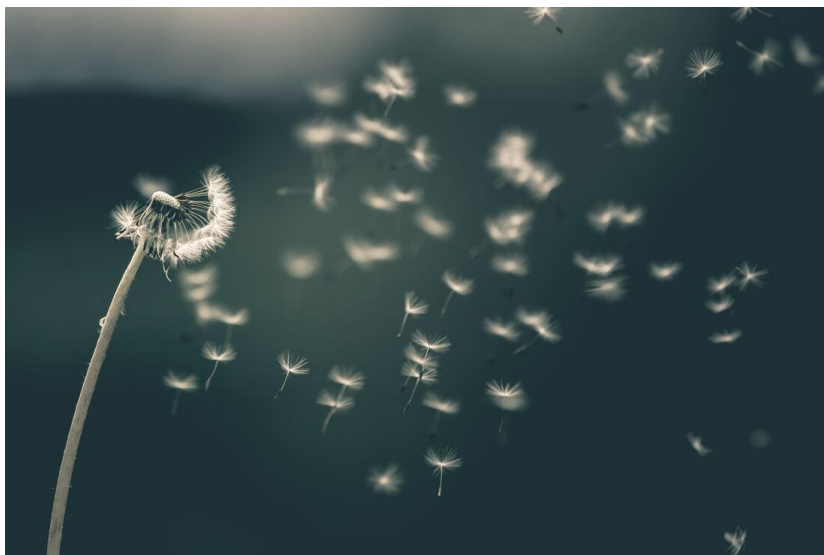


Prompts for Reflection

The Place Where We Are Right

From the place where
we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.
The place where
we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.
But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be
heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.

--Yehuda Amichai



From http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yehuda_Amichai:
[Yehuda Amichai](#) (May 3, 1924 - September 22, 2000)
was an Israeli poet. Amichai is considered by many,
both in Israel and internationally, as Israel's greatest
modern poet. His work has been translated into 40
languages.

Word of the day

*See, today I appoint you over
nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.’ (Jer. 4:10)*

Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis
Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson
Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier
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