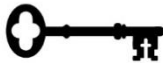




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

January 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Organist - Emile Swanepoel

Lector - Pam Carpenter

Greeters - Shirley Fredlander & Gloria Gavin

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Allegro 1st movement from 'Concerto del Signor Meck'* Johann Gottfried Walther

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *A Holy Baby*

345 (vs. 1, 7)

*A holy baby is born in Judah's Bethlehem. He is Jesu, the son of Mary; he is Jesu, the son of Mary.
In Jordan River the Holy Spirit came to him. He is Jesu, the son of Mary; he is Jesu, the son of Mary.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God,
Congregation: **the earth and all its people.**

How good it is, how wonderful,
to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent
these stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down in reverence, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring now, adoring the Lord's holy name.

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart Jesus bears it for thee,
comforts thy sorrows and answers thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter God's courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness:
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
God will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down in reverence, God's glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring now, adoring the Lord's holy name.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

The voice of God in a great storm.

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. 60)

Luke 3:15-23a

SERMON: ***Baptism by Water and Fire!***

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Through All The Changing Scenes Of Life

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

Text: Joy F. Patterson, paraphrase of Psalm 145, 1989

Music: M. Cassio, 2024

*Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds;
you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.*

*The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants all supplied;
your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.*

*Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do;
forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.*

*My mouth shall speak your praise, o Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.*

* 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 - How Firm A Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can God say than to you hath been said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. 'Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. 'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. 'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

5. 'The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia*

Johann Ludwig Krebs

God the Holy Spirit

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Spirit of the living God

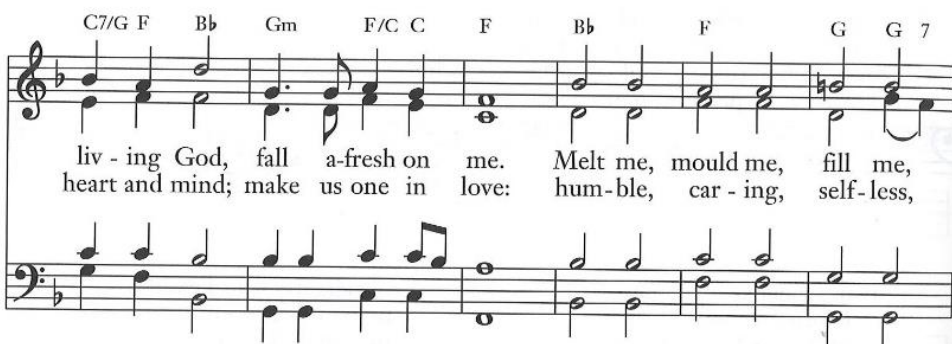
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD 12 12 8 12

F C F B \flat F C F F/A




1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the
2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all; make us one in

C7/G F B \flat Gm F/C C F B \flat F G G 7



liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mould me, fill me,
heart and mind; make us one in love: hum - ble, car - ing, self - less,

C C7 F C F B \flat F/C C7 F



use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me!
shar - ing. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

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Through all the changing scenes of life

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1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in
 2. Oh mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; with
 3. The hosts of God en - camp a - round the
 4. Oh taste and see that God is good: ex -

E7/G# A E7/B A /C# A/E E A /C# E7 A /C# E

trou - ble and in joy, the prais - es of my
 me ex - alt God's name; when in dis - tress and
 dwell - ings of the just; de - liv - erance God af -
 pe - rience will de - cide how blest are they, and

A E/G# A A/E E A/C# D 6 Bm E7 A

God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.
 fear I called, God to my res - cue came.
 fords to all who seek and hope and trust.
 on - ly they, who in God's truth con - fide.

5. O saints, fear God, and you will then
 have nothing else to fear;
 make holy service your delight;
 your wants shall be God's care.

6. The Lord preserves the souls of those
 who on God's truth depend;
 to them and their posterity
 God's blessing shall descend.

Words: Psalm 34; paraphrase, Tate and Brady's New Version 1696, alt Music: George Smart (1776-1867)

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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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
~ Monday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	HOOTC Café
~ Monday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.	Search Committee Meeting (online)
~ Tuesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, January 16, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	HOOTC Meals to Go
~ Thursday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
~ Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.	Book Club (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.	Music @ Central: Charlton Quartet Chamber Concert
~ Sunday, February 23 after worship	Annual General Meeting

Please contact Helena in the Office, if you would like to be added to our Sunday Morning Greeter Schedule (helena@cpchamilton.ca 905-522-9098 ext 0).

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/



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 music@cpchamilton.ca

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.

There are different ways we make our donations to Central such that our worship and witness and service in this community are a sweet offering to God above. Whether your offering is through pre-authorized remittance (PAR) or online, or via e-transfer, or the offering plate – you are invited to place your offering envelope in the offering plate indicating the form of your donation.

Thank you, Central is blessed by your generosity!

Resource Management Committee (RMC)

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 \$9,535 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 Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



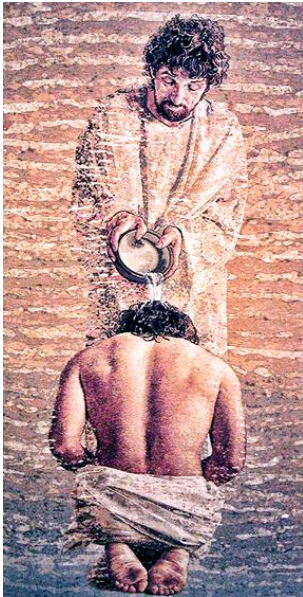
The Bible uses the word *believe* 273 times. It uses the word *pray* 371 times. *Love* appears 714 times. *Give* appears 2,172 times.

Herb Miller

Word of the day

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased (Luke 3: 21-22).

Prompts for Reflection



What is the point of Christian baptism? Most obviously it is the symbol of entry into the Christian faith. But what does it mean to be baptised? It means that we belong to God, over every other allegiance calling out to us for our soul, we acknowledge that we belong to God alone and live out of this relationship.

Nick Athanasiadis

*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
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