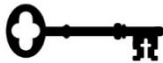




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON  
January 19, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin  
Greeters – Jim & Myrna Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Bekennen will Ich seinen Namen* ("I Will Acknowledge His Name") from BWV 200  
J. S. Bach, Arr. by Michael Rondeau

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *All Praise To You, O Lord*

181 (vs. 1, 2)

1. *All praise to you, O Lord,  
who by your mighty power  
did manifest your glory forth  
in Cana's marriage hour.*

2. *You speak, and it is done;  
obedient to your word,  
the water reddening into wine  
proclaims the present Lord.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens!  
Congregation: **Your faithfulness extends to the clouds!**  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains!  
**Your judgments are like the great deep!**  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
**May your steadfast love shine through all creation.**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly re stored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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

1. Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, so good and kind,  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

2. Let us blaze God's name abroad;  
of all gods the Lord is God,  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

3. God with all commanding might  
filled the newmade world with light,  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

4. All things living God doth feed;  
with full hand supplies their need,  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

5. Let us then with gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, so good and kind,  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 36:1-9** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

In the first part the psalmist identifies the wicked, those who are contemptuously destructive of life. Then, in stark contrast, he names the attributes of God: love, faithfulness, righteousness, and salvation.

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. 93)

John 2:1-11

SERMON: **Luxury and Extravagance**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord Our Song

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *The Three Kings*

H. Willan

*"Who knocks tonight so late?" The weary porter said.  
Three Kings stood at the gate, Each with a crown on head.  
The serving man bowed down; The inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, "In all this town Is no fit place for you!"*

*A light the manger lit: There lay the Mother meek.  
Said they, "This place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!"  
They loosed their latchet strings; So stood they all unshod.  
Come in, Come in ye Kings, and kiss the Feet of God.*

\* 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 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *As With Gladness*

J. Linker

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](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca).

Kirk Starkey's father *John Healdon Starkey* passed away on Tuesday January 14.

The sympathies of the congregation are extended to his wife Donna, to Kirk, Sara, and Ramona, and to Kirk's siblings June and Ian and their families.

We pray that the peace of God which passes all understanding be present and remain with them all in this time of grief, as well as in the remembrance of John's life.

A service of remembrance will be held on Friday, January 31 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Oakville.

## Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

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C C/B Am G6 F G

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:
2. O thirs-ty soul, come drink at the well;
3. You dwell a - mong us and cause us to pray, and
4. Des - erts shall bloom and moun - tains shall sing

Em Am Am/G F G

we have stood si - lent - ly too long;  
 God's liv - ing wa - ters will nev - er fail.  
 walk with each oth - er fol - lowing your way;  
 to the de - sire of all liv - ing things.

C C/B Am G6 Fmaj7 G

sure - ly the Lord de - serves our praise, so  
 Sure - ly the Lord will help you to stand,  
 our prec - ious bro - thers and sis - ters will grow  
 Come, all you crea - tures, high and will grow low;

Dm G Am Em F G C

joy - ful - ly thank God for our days.  
 strength - ened and com - for - ted by God's hand.  
 in the ful - fill - ing love they know.  
 let your prais - es end - less - ly flow.

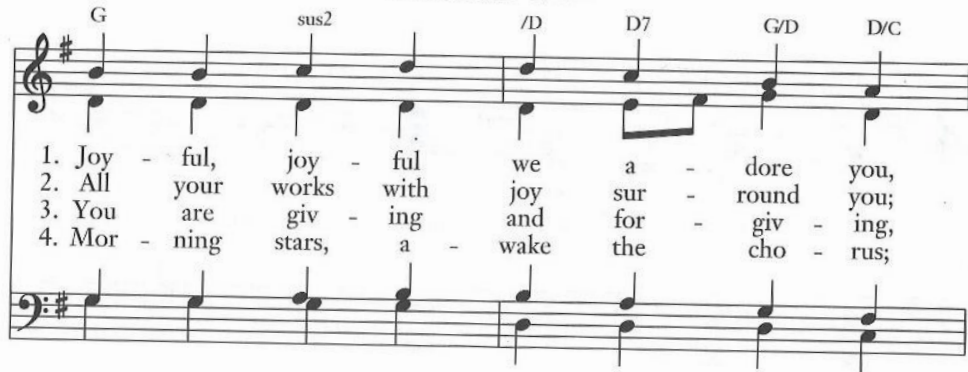
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## Joyful, joyful we adore you

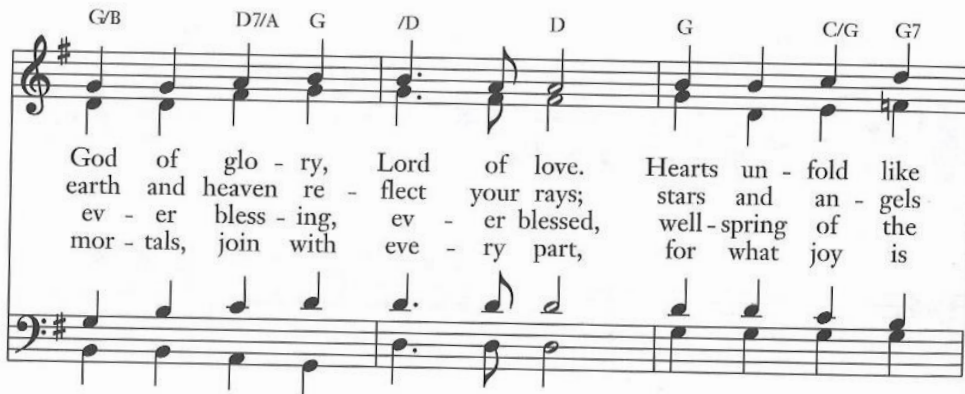
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G sus2 /D D7 G/D D/C



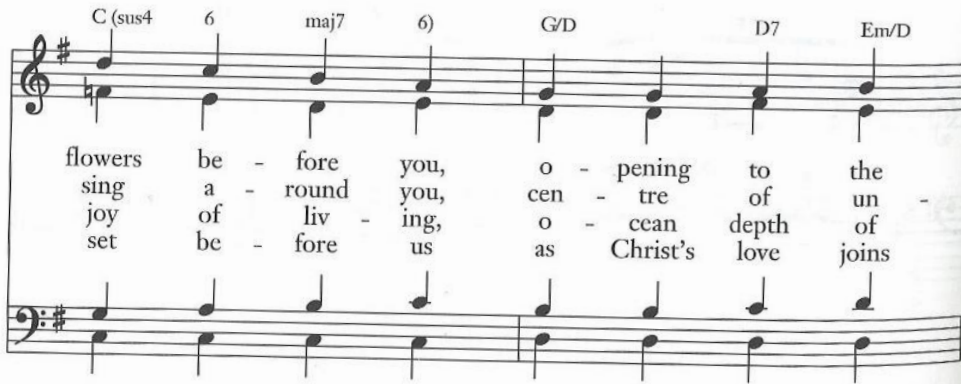
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you,  
2. All your works with joy sur - round you;  
3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing,  
4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - rus;

G/B D7/A G /D D G C/G G7



God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like  
earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels  
ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the  
mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

C (sus4 6 maj7 6) G/D D7 Em/D



flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the  
sing a - round you, cen - tre of the  
joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of  
set be - fore us as Christ's love joins

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;  
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,  
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,  
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7

drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -  
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and  
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to  
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.  
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.  
 leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.                      **Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. – Noon            **HOOTC Café**
- ~ Monday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.                      **Search Committee Meeting** (online)
- ~ Tuesday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. – Noon            **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, January 23, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.            **HOOTC Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, January 23, 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 by January 21<sup>st</sup> ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/)**

### 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/>

**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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Moment



Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.

Dr. Kennon Callahan  
(Pastor, educator, consultant  
& writer)

**Word of the day**

*“Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” (John 2:10)*

**Prompts for Reflection**



*The story is full of symbolism: water is turned into wine, the water for the old ritual of purification is turned into the wine of the New Covenant, the very best wine, and Jesus is the winemaker.*

**Nick Athanasiadis**

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*

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*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*

*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier*

*Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebald*

*Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma*

*Custodian – David Lewington*

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