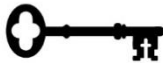




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON  
January 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector – Dr. Mary Guise  
Greeters – Ingrid & Tom Scott

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Epiphany Road*

B. Logan

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

712 vs. 1, 2

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is one true God  
Congregation: **whom to know is life eternal,  
whom to serve is joy and peace.**  
God creates all that is.  
**The whole universe displays  
the majesty and power of its Maker.**  
We worship God as the source of all life.  
**With thanks we acknowledge  
God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love.**

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea:  
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord:  
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.

2. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me;  
your holy word is truth redeeming me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

3. Oh send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me;  
touch now my blinded eyes and make me see:  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

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

\* HYMN – Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 19** 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. 436)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 61)

Luke 4:14-30

SERMON: **When Jesus Preached the Sermon**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

\* HYMN – Will You Come And Follow Me

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THE OFFERING

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." 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 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 - Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease:  
'tis music in the sinner's ears;  
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy.

5. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March of the Kings*

13<sup>th</sup> Cent. Provençal, Arr. by R. W. Thygerson

# Jesus loves me, this I know

JESUS LOVES ME 7 7 7 7 with refrain

D A D G G/D D

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so,  
 2. Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
 3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

D A D G D D/A A7 D

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
 want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

D G D D/A A

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

D G DA A7 D

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## Will you come and follow me

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Union F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3

1. Will you come and fol - low me  
 2. Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3. Will you let the blind-ed see  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide  
 5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 (C11) F

Will you go where you don't know  
 Will you care for cruel and kind  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb6 Csus4 - 3

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

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F C7 Dm Gm7 C11 F

will you let my life be grown  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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).

*Two big anniversaries for Dr McPherson this year: ordained on January 15, 1965, sixty years ago: and elected Moderator of the General Assembly, in June 1995, thirty years ago.*  
(read an overview of Dr. McPherson's ministry in the This Week at Central email)

### **SAVE THE DATE! Sunday April 27th**

After more than three years at Central as Interim Minister helping us through a period of transition and almost 34 years ministering to various congregations throughout Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, Dr. Nick is retiring with his last service at Central on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>. A special Sunday service followed by a delicious luncheon is planned for that day. Please join us to give thanks for, and celebrate Nick's exceptional ministry both past and present. More reminders to follow. All are welcome!

### **LET'S CELEBRATE DR. NICK TOGETHER**

If anyone would like to assist the organizing committee, please contact Gwynneth Simpson at 905-632-2231 or [davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca).

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).

**Faith Finders** is moving 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.

We are talking about Jesus going to Nazareth; Luke 4:14-30 this week; we encourage you to chat about this at home with your child.

If you are interested in teaching Faith Finders, please speak to Kristel Forcier ([kristel@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:kristel@cpchamilton.ca)), we have a few spots remaining.

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, January 26, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship Service</b>
~ Monday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>HOOTC Café</b>
~ Monday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Search Committee Meeting</b> (Allan Room)
~ Tuesday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Knit &amp; Knatter Group</b> (Guild Room)
~ Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Book Club</b> (Allan Room)
~ Thursday, January 30, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>HOOTC Meals to Go</b>
~ Thursday, January 30, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>
~ Sunday, February 2 after worship	<b>Youth Bible Study</b> (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music @ Central: Charlton Quartet Chamber Concert</b>
~ Sunday, February 23 after worship	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
~ Sunday, March 2	<b>Communion Sunday and Pancake Brunch</b>

### 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/)



### **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)



## 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/)

### 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.

### 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 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



It's not what you do with the million if fortune should ere be your lot, but what are you doing at present with the dollar and quarter you've got.

-Anonymous

***Word of the day***

*And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21-22).*

## Prompts for Reflection



Jesus' first congregation in Nazareth was not prepared to have these words of Scripture fulfilled in their hearing—and neither do we.

The church cannot exist for itself. We gather as a church to receive God's mercy and grace, so that we can then go out and be merciful in turn. This is

why we support this place. Not as an end in itself but such that it can be an opening for heaven to touch the earth. This is why, if we are honest, we cannot think of spirituality and the church as a leisure time activity, something we can do on a weekend, or on a three-day retreat.

*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*

*Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier*

*Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebold*

*Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma*

*Custodian – David Lewington*

*Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French*

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