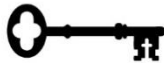




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON  
January 5, 2025 10:30 a.m.

In Memoriam Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Lois Whitwell

Organist - Michael Davis

Lector - Jim Evel

Greeters - Shirley Fredlander & Nancy Rundle

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Light! Light, light and more light!  
Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

Congregation: **Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**  
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
wise men came from the East, saying:  
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?  
**For we have seen his star in the East,  
and have come to worship him.**  
The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

— Bruce Prewer

\* HYMN - Holy, Holy, Holy

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 10.1

**God has prepared for us  
things beyond our imagining.  
Our hope is for a renewed world  
and for fullness of life in the age to come.  
As Jesus taught us, we pray:  
"Thy kingdom come."**

\* HYMN - Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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### IN MEMORIAM

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

INTRODUCTION TO 'IN MEMORIAM'

We remember today those we love who have died.

We remember:

'In Memoriam' 2024

*Gayle Harrison, Marion Harrison, Barbara McWilliams, Harry McWilliams,  
Brenda Newman, Richard Phillips, Barbara Seale, Betty Towndrow, Alistair Young*

LIGHTING MEMORIAL CANDLES

We remember

## A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

In the rising of the sun and its going down,

**we will remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,

**we will remember them.**

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**we will remember them.**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

**we will remember them.**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**we will remember them.**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

**we will remember them.**

When we are weary and in the need of strength

**we will remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart,

**we will remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share,

**we will remember them.**

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now part of us as

**we remember them.** (Author unknown)

Prayer:

Tell them, God how much we love them,

How much we miss them.

Tell them we carry their stories in our lives.

Today we rejoice that Jesus was born and that he lived and died and is risen

And that you are with us the light of the world.

Today we trust you, Jesus, that there is life after death

And that you will always be with us,

Loving us and leading us home.

Glory be to God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

Amen

Parts Adapted for Epiphany from Saying Goodbye Ruth Burgess

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.**

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### 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. 2)

Matthew 2:1-12

### SERMON: **Arise and Shine**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Jesus Bids Us Shine

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1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night.  
In the world is darkness, so we must shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim.  
He looks down from heaven to see us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
many kinds of darkness in this world abound:  
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\* 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*

EPIPHANY PRAYER - Light of the World

Lord Jesus  
You are the light of the world.  
Shine in the dark places  
where there are wars and where people hurt each other.  
Lord of Mercy

**HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the light of the world .  
Help our leaders  
to know how to run this country and this city  
so that everybody's needs are met  
especially those who are suffering.  
Lord , in your mercy  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,  
You are the light of the world.  
Shine in the dark places  
Where people are ill or sad.  
Please bring help and healing especially to.....  
Lord in your mercy  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,  
We are your lights in the world.  
Help us to be prepared  
to show people your light  
by loving them.  
Lord in your mercy  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,  
We are your lights in the world  
Help us to be prepared  
to put the needs of others  
before our own needs  
for your sake.  
Lord in your mercy  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,  
We are your lights in the world.  
Help us to be prepared  
to look out for you  
and listen for you  
so we can follow you in everything we do.  
Lord in your mercy  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER AMEN**

Ruth Burgess ( Hay and Stardust)

## THE LORD'S 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 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The flowers are placed in the Chancel today by Myrna and Jim Evel,  
to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Myrna's parents, Edna and Samuel Weaver, and her brothers, Courtland and Radcliffe,  
and Jim's mother and father, Helen and Guy, and his sisters, Marnie and Patti.*

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).



Holy, holy, holy

Descant

NICAEA 11 12 12 10

4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 D Bm A 7 D G (A9/G) (A9/G) D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 A/C# D A/C# Bm E/B A/C# D A/E E7 A 7

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,  
 though our eyes in sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A 7 D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D/F# D7/F# G D 7 G Em/G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# Precious Lord, take my hand

PRECIOUS LORD Irregular

Swing  
G

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger  
 3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near; when my life is al-most gone;  
 near, and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 hear my cry, hear my call; hold my hand lest I  
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light:  
 fall: take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 hand:

Chords: G, G7, C6, D7, D7/F#, Em, A7, D, A7/E, D7, G, G7, C6, C#dim, G/D, C/E, Cm6/Eb, G/D, D7, G

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# Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 dactylic

E♭                    aug            A♭maj7    A♭6                    B♭7                    E♭/A♭    E♭

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fath-er;  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

A♭                    E♭/G    (B7/F)E♭            F/C    C7    F7            B♭

there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;  
 sun, moon and stars in their cours-es a-bove,  
 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

B♭7                    E♭                    Fm    E♭/G    A♭maj7    A♭6

thou chang-est not; thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
 join with all na-ture in el-o-quent wit-ness  
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row:

Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain Bb Ab/Eb Eb C7 Fmsus4-3

Great is thy faith - ful-ness; great is thy faith - ful-ness;

Bb7 Eb Ebm6 Bb Eb/F F7 Bb

morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

Bb7 Eb Fm Eb/G Abmaj7 Ab6

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Adim Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, January 5, 10:30 a.m.                      **In Memoriam Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, January 6, 10:00 a.m. – Noon            **HOOTC Café**
- ~ Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. – Noon           **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, January 9, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.           **HOOTC Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.                   **Choir Practice**
- ~ Friday, January 10, 5:00 p.m.                    **Central Youth**
- ~ Tuesday, January 28, 7:30 p.m.                  **Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Sunday, February 2, 3:00 p.m.                  **Music @ Central: Charlton Quartet Chamber Concert**

### **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/)



### 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)

### **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/>

## 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.

## **Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity***

**They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

*Matthew 2:11*





## A/C Appeal

Dear Congregation,

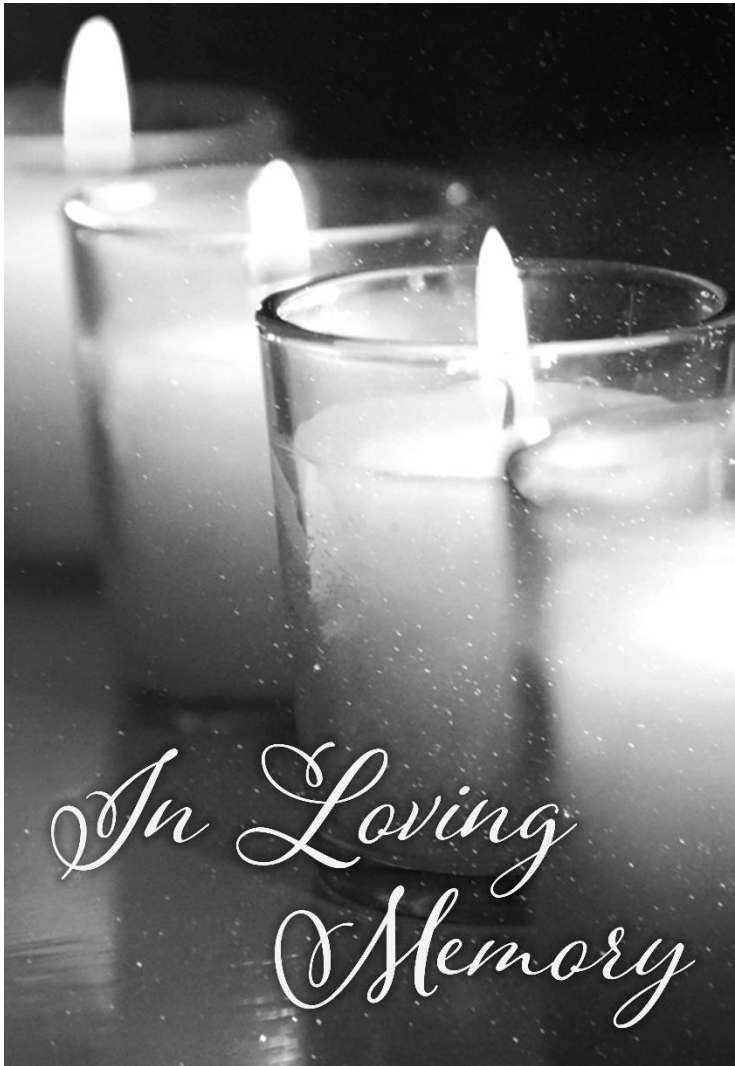
In the dead of winter, we are making an appeal for 5 Air Conditioning Units! The total cost is \$50,000. This Spring, they will be installed in the Boardroom, the Vestry, the Nursery and the Alan room.

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.

A donation for \$1500 has already been pledged to start the campaign. You are welcome to make your donation online, by cheque, or even in the offering plate marked **A/C appeal**. We will keep you updated as we progress toward our goal of **\$50,000!**

Jim Morgan  
Chair RMC





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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
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