



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 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Arlene Quackenbush

Greeters – Ingrid & Tom Scott

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Magnificat: Prélude, Récit, et Dernier*

N. Lebegue

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *God Of Many Names*

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*God of many Names, gathered into One, in your glory come and meet us,
Moving, endlessly Becoming;
God of Hovering Wings, Womb and Birth of time, joyfully we sing your praises,
Breath of life in every people -- (Refrain)*

*Refrain: Hush, hush, hallelujah, hallelujah! Shout, shout, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Sing, sing, hallelujah, hallelujah! Sing, God is love, Gold in love!*

*God of Wounded Hands, Web and Loom of love, in your glory come and meet us,
Carpenter of new creation;
God of many Names, gathered into One, joyfully we sing your praises,
Moving, endlessly Becoming -- (Refrain)*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth--

All: **for God keeps faith forever!**

God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help –
for God keeps faith forever! (inspired by Psalm 146)

1. Oh worship the King, all glorious above;
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, De fender, Redeemer and Friend.
5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN - Be Still And Know That I Am God

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| 1. Be still and know that I am God. | 2. I am the Lord that healeth thee. |
| Be still and know that I am God. | I am the Lord that healeth thee. |
| Be still and know that I am God. | I am the Lord that healeth thee. |

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 20 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

A benediction for all who may be in distress

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. 152)

Romans 1:1-17

SERMON: **The Journey of Faith**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Saviour all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace*

H. Sumsion

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear, as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to Thee are both a like.
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever more.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.*

* 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'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 - I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace

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1. I know not why such wondrous grace
to me God has made known;
nor why, unworthy as I am,
Christ claimed me for his own,

Refrain: but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.

2. I know not why this saving faith
to me God did impart,
nor how believing in the word brought
peace into my heart, (Refrain)

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing me of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him: (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fughetta and Voluntary*

R. Lind

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.

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/

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| ~ Monday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. - Noon | HOOTC Café |
| ~ Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. - Noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, February 20, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. | HOOTC Meals to Go |
| ~ Thursday, February 20, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ Sunday, February 23 after worship | Annual General Meeting |
| ~ Sunday, February 23 after worship | Youth Bible Study (Guild Room) |
| ~ Monday, February 24, 7:30 p.m. | Search Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Sunday, March 2 | Baptism, Communion Sunday & Pancake Brunch |
| ~ Sunday, March 2, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central: Stephan Sylvester Piano Recital |
| ~ Sunday, April 27 | Dr. Nick's Retirement Service and Lunch |

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE:



As is our custom, there will be light lunch served before our Annual Meeting. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to indicate if you are able to bring sandwiches, sweets, etc. Thanks you for your help! The Fellowship Team.

Pancake Brunch

We are excited for our annual Pancake Breakfast coming up on March 2nd after the service.

We are in need of a few griddles. If you have one we can borrow, please email Kristel@cpchamilton.ca

We are also looking for volunteers to help us set up, cook and clean up. Setting up starts at 9:15 to set the tables. Clean up includes doing dishes and putting tables and chairs back.

If you're willing and able, please email Kristel.

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/>

March 2 – Transfiguration Sunday



We welcome Frederick & Peter, children of Hannah and John, to the membership of Christ's church, through the sacrament of baptism.



We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper



You are invited to a Pancake Brunch—following worship



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Music@Central: Solo Piano Recital
by Stephan Sylvestre at 3:00 p.m.

Stewardship Moment

Love cannot remain by
itself – it has no meaning.
Love has to be put into
action and that action is
service.

-Mother Teresa (Nun, Missionary)



Word of the day

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.' (Rom. 1: 16-17)

Prompts for Reflection

Centering Prayer

*"Be still in the presence
of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act."
Psalm 37: 7*



Lord, help me to relax.

Take from me the tension
that makes peace impossible.
Take from me the fears
that do not allow me to venture.
Take from me the worries
that blind my sight.
Take from me the distress
that hides your joy.

Help me to know
that I am with you,
that I am in your care,
that I am in your love,
that you and I are one.

~ written by David Adam in *"The Open Gate"*
SPCK 1994. Posted on the **Presbyterian
Church of Aotearoa New Zealand** website.
<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
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