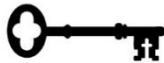




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

February 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jean Williams

Greeters – Abbie Boyko & Shirley Fredlander

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 *What Does The Lord Require*

710 vs. 1-2

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Then justly, in mercy we'll humbly walk with God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?

Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Then justly, in mercy we'll humbly walk with God.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are called from the ends of the earth.

All: We are called from the centre of our lives.

Men and women, young and old,

rich and poor, strong and weak,

we are called into God's love,

to yearn for justice and to pray for peace.

We answer this call today in our worship,

we come together here with thanks and praise. Amen.

* HYMN – Arise, Your Light Is Come

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – When Israel Was In Egypt’s Land

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1. When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go!
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!

Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh let my people go!

2. The Lord told Moses what to do:
let my people go!
to lead the Hebrew people through,
let my people go! (Refrain)

3. As Israel stood by the waterside,
let my people go!
at God's command it did divide,
let my people go! (Refrain)

4. When they had reached the other shore
let my people go!
they let the song of triumph soar,
let my people go! (Refrain)

5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
let my people go!
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go! (Refrain)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103 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. 79)

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON: **“The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness”**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Let There Be Light

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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 – Lord Of Light, Whose Name And Splendour

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fughetta and Voluntary*

R. Lind

Arise, your light is come

FESTAL SONG 12 14

Descant

4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up! Rise

A D A D A E/B B7 E

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

A E/G# D/F# A/E Bm/D B7/D# E A/C# D A/C# Esus4-3 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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Peace
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Let there be light

CONCORD 4776

G /B C Dsus4 - 3 /C G/B Am7 (D/A) G/B C6 G/D D

1. Let there be light; let there be un - der - stand - ing;
2. O - pen our lips; o - pen our minds to pon - der;
3. Per - ish the sword; per - ish the an - gry judge - ment;
4. Hal - low our love; hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs;

D/C G/B C D6 - 7 Em Am9 D 7 G

let all the na - tions ga - ther; let them be face to face.
o - pen the door of con - cord, o - pen - ing in - to grace.
per - ish the bombs and hun - ger; per - ish the fight for gain.
hal - low their ho - ly free - dom; hal - low - ed be your name.

5. Your kingdom come;
your spirit turn to language;
your people speak together;
your spirit never fade.

6. Let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder;
perish the way of terror;
hallow the world God made.

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769 Lord of light, whose name and splendour

BETHANY (SMART) 8 7 8 7 D

Eb Ab Eb/G Bb6 Cm Ab Eb/Bb Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb

1. Lord of light, whose name and splendour far out-shine the
 2. By the faith - ful - ness of work - ers serv - ing you in
 3. Grant that know - ledge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet might
 4. By pray - ers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

Eb/G Ab6 Bb Eb Cm Bb/D Bb6 Cm F7 Bbsus4-3

suns of space, deign to make us your co-work-ers
 eve - ry field; by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 hum - bly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus bring - ing

Bb/Ab Eb/G Ab/C Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb Bb /D Fsus4-3

in the king - dom of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed; by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift all na - tions
 peace to all, and heal - ing light; by the love that

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Eb/G Cm/A Eb/Bb Bb /D Bb7 Eb6 Bb/F F7 Bb
 fil your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son:
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - fering won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es know - ledge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb Ab/C Bb7/D Ebsus4-3 Ab C7 Fm Eb/G Ab6 Bb7 Eb
 Ab - ba, as in high - est heav - en so on earth your will be done.

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).

Invitation to Membership

As there has been a request for membership here at Central, we are extending this invitation to adherents and friends of this congregation who may also be interested. Membership is not about being religious or increasing your attendance. Membership is about committing yourself at this point in your life to journeying toward God in the company of a particular fellowship of God's people. If this congregation is helping and supporting your spiritual journey, you are encouraged to become a member.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please reach out to Dr. Nick Athanasiadis. We plan to welcome new members On Palm/Passion Sunday April 13.

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 23, 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, February 23 after worship | Lunch & Annual General Meeting |
| ~ Monday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. – Noon | HOOTC Café |
| ~ Monday, February 24, 7:30 p.m. | Search Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Tuesday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. – Noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, February 27, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. | HOOTC Meals to Go |
| ~ Thursday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ Sunday, March 2 | Baptism, Communion Sunday & Pancake Brunch |
| ~ Sunday, March 2, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central: Stephan Sylvestre Piano Recital |
| ~ Sunday, April 27 | Dr. Nick's Retirement Service and Lunch |

Pancake Brunch

We are excited for our annual Pancake Breakfast coming up on March 2nd after the service. Tickets are \$5 and families are \$20 – please feel to donate more 😊. Funds will cover costs, and the rest go towards HOOTC, as chosen by the children of Faith Finders.

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

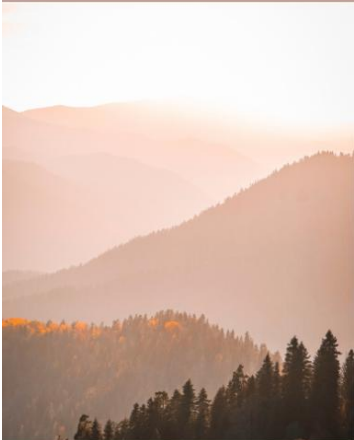
Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.

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/>

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our being as a gift of God to be grateful for.

Henry Nouwen



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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



MUSIC @CENTRAL
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Word of the day

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

(Luke 16:8)

Prompts for Reflection

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope.

Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;

therefore we must be saved by faith.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can

be accomplished alone; therefore we must be saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint.

Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness.



--Reinhold Niebuhr, American Theologian (1892-1971)

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

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