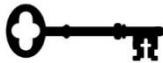




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

February 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson

Greeters – Cathy Keith & Alex Prince

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary in D Major*

J. Bennett

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Send Me, Lord / Thuma Mina*

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Thuma mina. Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, somandla.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the faithful God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me,

to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

* HYMN – Holy, Holy, Holy

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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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 138 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. 635)

Isaiah 6:1-13

SERMON: **“In the year that King Uzziah died”**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *In The Bleak Midwinter*

H. Darke

*In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter long ago.*

*Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, When He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, A stable place suffic'd, The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubin, Worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, And a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angels Fall down before, The ox and ass and camel Which adore.*

*What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.*

* 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 - Sent Forth By Your Blessing

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ, The Sure Foundation*

T. Birchwood

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.

Starting February 1st, we are glad to welcome a new anchor tenant to our building. This daycare will be caring for children in the upstairs space. Part of the lease agreement is to provide the daycare staff with parking. Please note that on Mondays - Fridays from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., our accessible parking area will be reserved for our new tenant.

Holy, holy, holy

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!

God, reveal your presence

ARNSBERG (REVERENCE) 668 D 3 3 6 6

G G/B Dsus4-3 Em Em/G Bsus4-3

1. God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
 Ho - ly is your tem - ple: all with - in keep si - lence,

2. In God's ho - ly pres - ence: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing,

3. Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pur - i - fy my spir - it;
 Like the ho - ly an - gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing,

C C/E G Em D G Dsus4-3 G C D G

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you.
 hum - bly bow with deep - est rev - erence. You a - lone now we own,
 see the crowds the thrones sur - round - ing;
 an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here;
 all my trust is in your mer - it.
 we a - dore, ho - san - nas rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still

D G/B C G Dsus4-3 G G/B G Am G/B C6 D7 G

as our God and Sav - iour: praise your name for - ev - er!
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 rule your church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

I, the Lord of sea and sky

HERE I AM, LORD 14 11 14 11 with refrain (8 9 8 9)

G Am G C/G G D/F#

* 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 /B C /B Am F#m/G D D/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them: they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

G Am/G G C/G G D/F#

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7/B Am/C/B Am G/B Am7/C Dsus4-3

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

* Verses may be sung by a soloist

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Refrain /F# G Gsus G /B (Am7) G C/E /D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7/G Am G/B Am/C Dsus /F# D7

heard you call-ing in the night; I will

G Gsus G C/E /D G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G Fine

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Sent forth by your blessing

ASH GROVE 12 11 12 11 D

(C/E) F C/E F Dm Gm /Bb C (Dm7 C/E)

1. Sent forth by your bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, your
The sup - per is end - ed: oh now be ex - tend - ed the
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing the
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F /A Bb (/D) F /C C7 F

peo - ple, O God, from your ta - ble take leave.
fruits of your ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
task of our eve - ry - day life we will face,
brac - ing as neigh - bours all those of each race.

F/A (F) C7/E F C7/G (/E /G)

The seed of your teach - ing, our hun - gry souls
One feast that has fed us, one light that has

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F C F C#dim Dm C/G G

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for all hu - man -
 led us, u - nite us as one in your life that we

C /E F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb (Gm) C (Dm7)

kind. Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 share. Then may all the liv - ing, with praise and thanks - giv - ing,

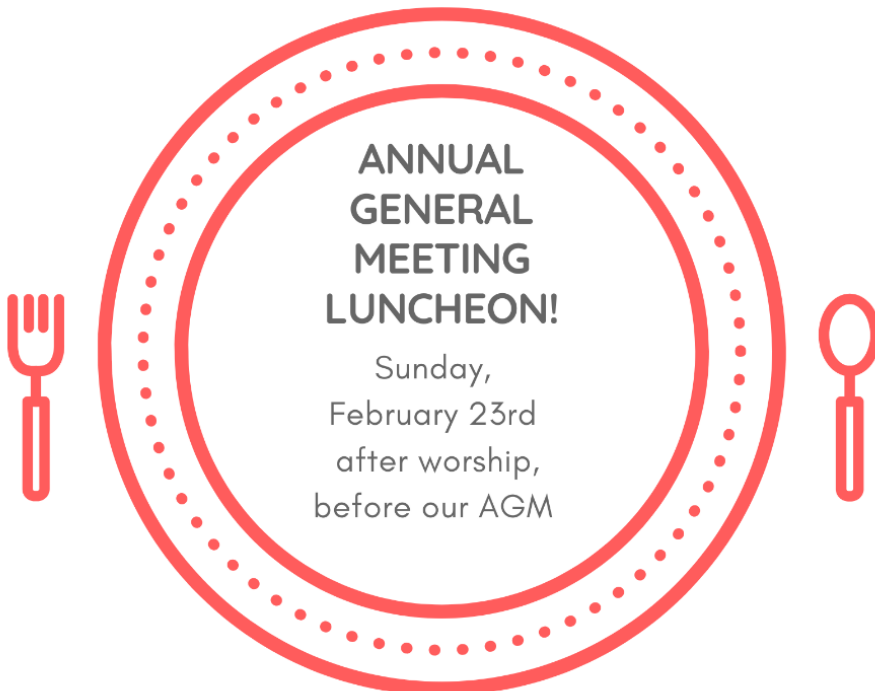
C/E F /A Bb (/D) F/C C7 F

to work for your king - dom, your pur - pose to find.
 give hon - our to Christ and his name that we bear.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, February 9, 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **HOOTC Café**
- ~ Monday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting** (Allan Room)
- ~ Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, February 13, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **HOOTC Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, February 23 after worship **Annual General Meeting**
- ~ Sunday, February 23 after worship **Youth Bible Study** (Guild Room)
- ~ Sunday, March 2 **Communion Sunday and 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.

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/>

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 3rd 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 \$10,635 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

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/

Word of the day

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' (Is. 6:1-5)

Prompts for Reflection

If I am to take this holiness of God seriously, what am I to do with it? What am I to do with a holy God? Shall I feel and bear the weight of my sin?

And then what? Do I want my sinfulness cauterized? Do I want a seraph touching my lips with burning coals? Do I want such a costly transformation, am I prepared for such a level of repentance, such that I am then sent out?

To be brutally honest? No! I do not.

And yet, there is a grace and a mercy which annihilates my wants and grants me what I need.



-Nick Athanasiadis

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