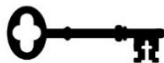




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

March 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Call to Worship – Forcier family
Lector – Rev. Lois Whitwell
Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Judy Johnson

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Following Our Saviour*

J. Southbridge

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Throughout These Lenten Days And Nights*

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*We bear the silence, cross and pain of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain our courage till the feast of life.*

*And though the road is hard and steep, the Spirit ever calls us on
through Calvary's dying, dark and deep, until we see the coming dawn.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Refer to Second Sunday in Lent insert

* HYMN – Morning Has Broken

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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

* HYMN – This Is My Father's World

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32 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. 2)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

SERMON: *Can We Handle the Truth?*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Out Of My Bondage, Sorrow And Night

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1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness into thy health,
out of my want and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress to jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love,
out of de spair into raptures above,
upward for aye on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Be Unto Me A Tower*

W. Byrd

Source: The Teares or Lamentacions of a Sorrowfull Soule (London, 1614)

Text: Sir William Leighton

*Be unto me O Lord a tower of strength, against my mortal foe,
O guard and ward me with thy power, which way soever I shall go.
Then shall my heart and soul rejoice in God my Lord with cheerful voice.*

* 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 (sung - 831)

**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 debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors,
As we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen**

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - For The Fruit Of All Creation

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata* (J. P. Sweelinck) and *Andantino* (D. Buxtehude)

Morning

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Morning has broken

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D

Descant (vocalized)

Ah...

Unison C /B Am /G Dm/F G C6 /D Em Am

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new - fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light; mine is the morn - ing; born of the

C/E F 6 G6 Am Dm7 G Em Am Dm Em

spo - ken like the first bird; praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass; praise for the sweet - ness, praise for the
 one light E - den saw play; praise with e - la - tion; praise eve - ry

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Am Dm/F Em/G C/E Dm7 G 7 C(sus4-2 - 3)

morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 morn - ing, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This is my Father's world

TERRA BEATA 6 6 8 6 D SMD Irregular

E \flat /G B \flat 6 7 E \flat (Fm/Ab C7/G) Fm B \flat /D E \flat

1. This is my Fath-er's world, and to my lis-tening
 2. This is my Mak-er's world; the birds their car-ols
 3. This is my Sav-iour's world; oh let me not for -

B \flat /Ab E \flat /G E \flat B \flat 6 Cm G 7 Cm B \flat /D

ears raise; all na - ture sings, and round me rings the
 the morn - ing light, the li - ly white, de -
 get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God

E \flat Cm E \flat /G B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat /Ab E \flat /G A \flat Cm E \flat /G

mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fath-er's world: I
 clare their Mak-er's praise. This is my Mak-er's world; God
 is the Rul - er yet. This is my Sav-iour's world; the

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Ab Eb/G Bb/F F7 Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb Bb6 Cm

rest me in the thought; of rocks and trees, of
 shines in all that's fair; in the rus - tling grass, God's
 bat - tle is not done; Je - sus, who died, shall be

G 7 Cm Bb/D Eb Cm Eb/G Bb7 Eb

skies and seas God's hands the won - ders wrought.
 foot - steps pass; God speaks to me eve - ry - where.
 sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

For the fruits of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS 12 12 8 8 12

F /A B♭ F/A Gm /B♭ C Am B♭sus2-1 C6 7 F



1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
for the gifts to eve - ry na - tion,
2. In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neigh - bour,
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;
for the good we all in - her - it,



B♭/DF B♭/D F/A B♭ Cm B♭/D Dm Gm F/A B♭6 Dm Gmsus9/B♭ F/C C



for the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
in our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,
for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



F/A B♭ F Gm /B♭ C Am B♭sus2-1 C6 7 F



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



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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).

Lent 2025: Join Kate Bowler this lent season: THE HARDEST PART

Life is this strange, tender mix, isn't it? Joy and sorrow, love and loss, heartbreak and hope, all tangled together. This year, embrace Lent as it is – raw, honest, and tender. Let these 40 days be a time to pause, reflect, and find the courage to stay with the hard part, trusting that the good part is still coming. katebowler.com/lent

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.

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/

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.	Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service
~ Monday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	HOOTC Café
~ Monday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.	Search Committee Meeting (Allan Room)
~ Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. – Noon	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, March 20, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	HOOTC Meals to Go
~ Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
~ Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.	Central Book Club (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent - Intergenerational Service of Worship
~ Sunday, April 6, 3:00 p.m.	Music@Central: Enchanted Flutes
~ Sunday, April 13, 10:30 p.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday Service of Worship
~ Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion
~ Friday, April 18 10:30 a.m.	Good Friday Service of Worship and Reflection
~ Friday, April 18 7:00 a.m.	Good Friday Choir Concert: Mozart Requiem
~ Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service of Worship
~ Sunday, April 27	Dr. Nick's Retirement Service and Lunch

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 27th. 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.

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/>

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.

Wise and Loving God,

You know all things good for us, and your Holy Spirit leads us in your way. Guide us to the minister that you have prepared to come and serve your people here at Central. Fill us with vision, with energy, and openness as we seek the person you've chosen for us.

We thank you for all those in our midst that you move to lead, contribute to, or enrich the ministries at Central. We thank you for the plans you have for our church community - both known and unknown to us.

Throughout this season of uncertainty and change, give us mutual love for each other, patience in the work that lies ahead, and wisdom to discern. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit here to move in us and through us, so that we may hear the voice of the person best suited for Central.

Prepare us to receive our new minister with joy and enthusiasm - and may our new minister serve us with equal joy. May their ministry mark a new chapter in Central's story: a chapter of continued vibrancy, of growth, and of renewal in service of the Triune God. Amen

The Search Committee prayer can be found on our website: [Search Committee Prayer - CPC Hamilton](https://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/) : www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/



Holy Week

April 13, 10:30 A.M. Palm/Passion Sunday Service of Worship



For many, the procession of the palms re-enacted by children of our church schools is a vivid and lasting memory of this day. But once you know the whole story of this week, it is hard to see Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem except as set against his passion – betrayal, humiliation and death.

Since about the fourth century, the joy of Christ's triumphal entry has been set in deliberate contrast to the passion narrative. This, the first Sunday in Holy Week, begins the seven days of redemption drama.

April 17, 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, Maundy from the Latin *Mandatum*, meaning commandment. Jesus said, ³⁴*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.* ³⁵*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'*



This night is a time to remember Jesus' vision of beloved community – to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. This night, we remember the events of Jesus' last night with his disciples.

April 18 10:30 A.M. Good Friday Service of Worship and Reflection

7:00 P.M.

Good Friday Choir Concert: Central Choir and soloists perform the beloved and passionate Requiem by W. A. Mozart.



Concert presented by the Central Presbyterian Choir and Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Marcus Scholtes. Freewill offering at the door.

On this, a most faithful and a most fateful day in the long history of God's people, we reach the climax in the unfolding drama of the life and ministry of Jesus.

April 20, 10:30 A.M. Easter Sunday Service of Worship

We celebrate the resurrection!

Featuring The Hamilton Brass Quintet

Early on that morning, the first witnesses tell us: their alarm subsided, their courage deepened, their trauma healed, and their amazement grew. They learned how to choose hope.



Word of the day

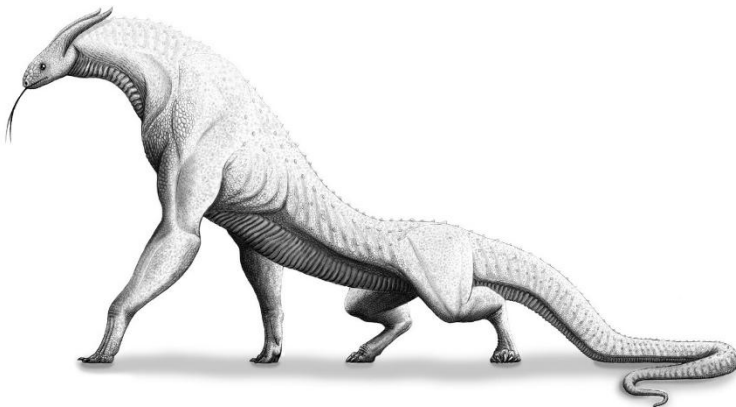
But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil (Genesis 3: 4).

Prompts for Reflection

The serpent should have
added: can you handle it?
Can you handle the sight of
who you are, no longer with
God, but on your own?
Can you bear it?

What now?

There is a way back to the
Creator, back to the garden, and it cannot be our own doing.



*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).*

- Nick Athanasiadis

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