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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

April 13, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday Service of Worship  
New Members Welcome

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Call to Worship – LaGrand family  
Lector – Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson  
Greeters – Jim & Myrna Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *God So Loved The World*

J. Stainer, Arr. by L. Smith

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Hosanna*

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*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God!  
Hosanna in the highest!*

*Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!  
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God!  
Glory to the King of kings!*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Refer to Palm/Passion Sunday insert

\* HYMN – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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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

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### PROLOGUE

(based on Rom. 6: 2-5, 10:9)

If the confession 'Jesus is Lord' is on your lips,  
and the faith that God raised him from the dead is in your heart,  
you will find salvation.

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

In the one Spirit we were all brought into one body by baptism;  
we were all given that one Spirit to drink.

**When we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus  
we were baptized into his death.**

By that baptism into his death we were buried with him.

**So that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glorious power of the Father,  
we also might set out on a new life.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us, with all the people of God, confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GREETING (unison)

**Come, grow with us into Christ who is our head.  
"There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of us all,  
who is above all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6)**

\* HYMN - We Praise You, O God

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1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

*During the last verse of Hymn 425 children may proceed  
to the Faith Finders' program for children SK - Grade 8 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.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 29)

Matthew 26:1-25, 31-46 & 47-50

SERMON: *The Betrayer*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - My Song is Love Unknown

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1. My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
Oh who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but we made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know.  
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;  
the "Crucify" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4. Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

THE OFFERING

*Scatter palm branches, ye shepherds and herdsmen,  
Prepare ye in splendor the way of the Lord;  
Carry together the olive and myrtle, For Jesus, eternal Messiah, appears.*

*Let us now active be, wait and be watchful,  
May no one from weariness sleep while 'tis day!*

*Let us now all things in grandeur make ready,  
For surely He cannot much longer delay,  
for surely He cannot much longer delay.*

**\* 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 - All Glory, Laud and Honour

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Refrain:

All glory, laud and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one. (Refrain)

2. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we resent. (Refrain)

3. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

4. You didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Worship The King*

N. Williams, Tune: 'Hanover' by W. Croft

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!

## Hosanna, loud hosanna

ELLACOMBE 7 6 7 6 D

(A) A/C# F#m D6 A/C# A D A D6 E A

1. Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;  
 2. From O - li - vet they fol - lowed a - mid the shout-ing crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san-na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

(A) A/C# F#m D6 A/C# A D F#m Esus4-3 A

through pil-lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
 the vic-tor palm branch wav - ing and chant-ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

A E/G# A D E F#m A E/G# A D E

To Je - sus, who had held them close fold - ed to his breast,  
 Mes - si - ah, God's a - noint - ed, rode there in hum-ble state,  
 Oh may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

(A) A/C# F#m D6 A/C# A D F#m Esus4-3 A

the chil-ren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 "Ho - san-na, in the high - est!" rang out their prais-es great.  
 and in God's joy - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

See also: Ellacombe 249 801

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## Welcome to New Members

**Paula Grove** was born and raised in west Hamilton where she attended Binkley United church. Her passion for the performing arts led her to Toronto where she trained and worked. She returned to Hamilton as a caregiver for family. Since her return she has done many local theatre projects and taught the arts to adults and kids. She loves being in the CPC choir and sharing the joy of music.

**Hannah and John LaGrand** moved to Hamilton from Grand Rapids in 2016 for Hannah to pursue studies in Philosophy at McMaster. Since then, we have added two children to our family, Fred (4) and Pete (1). John now works as a nurse at St. Joseph's ER, and Hannah is still working on finishing her Ph.D. We have been looking for a church home for a while, and, having enjoyed a couple of evening carol services during the Christmas season, we decided to try Central more intentionally. We have been attending Sunday morning services here for about a year now, and we feel very grateful for the way the congregation has welcomed us and our children. We look forward to becoming more involved at Central as members.

**Elizabeth van Staaldin** first came to Central for an Advent Carol service, along with her mother. She loved the concert and continued to attend at various times. Through the experience of loss and many challenges in her life, Elizabeth has come to appreciate the value of faith, she appreciates the time of worship and the fellowship here, and looks forward to being part of a community which supports her in this journey of faith.

### **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/)

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).

## LET'S CELEBRATE DR. NICK TOGETHER



### **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 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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!

**Signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall** to assist with food. Help will also be needed for setup and cleanup but signup *not* required in advance.

You may also contact Gwynneth Simpson at 905-632-2231 or [davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca).

## **A/C Appeal Update – We are over halfway there:**

We need A/C units in the nursery, two offices and a meeting room on the main floor.

This is because we have reconfigured our space to welcome new tenants. The income we now receive enables us to offer sacred space

for worship, a safe gathering place for the community, and of course, concert space for Music@Central, along with 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 **\$27,617.00** have been received towards the A/C appeal.

We will keep you updated as we progress toward our goal of **\$50,000!**

**GOAL: \$50,000**



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## 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*

**For it is in giving  
that we receive.**

*St. Francis of Assisi*



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### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

~ Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

~ Thursday, April 17, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.

~ Friday, April 18 10:30 a.m.

~ Friday, April 18 7:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.

~ Sunday, April 27

~ Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

~ Friday, May 2, 5:30 p.m.

**Palm/Passion Sunday Service of Worship Service**

**~ New Members Welcome**

**Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)**

**First HOOTC BBQ for 2025 (Outside Forecourt)**

**Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion**

**Choir Practice**

**Good Friday Service of Worship and Reflection**

**Good Friday Choir Concert: Mozart Requiem**

**Easter Sunday Service of Worship**

**Dr. Nick's Retirement Service and Lunch**

**Central Book Club (Allan Room)**

**Central's Spring BBQ**

**Volunteer Opportunity:** We will be cleaning the kitchen on Saturday, April 26, from 9:30 to 12:30. We need volunteers to help us. If you can assist, please let me know. Mary Guise ([maryguise51@gmail.com](mailto:maryguise51@gmail.com) 289-442-5252)

**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).

**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.**

*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](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/) : [www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/)

**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/>

# MOZART REQUIEM

CHOIR AND SOLOISTS OF  
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SOUND LINC ORCHESTRA

DR. MARCUS SCHOLTES, DIRECTOR



GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 18TH, 2025  
7:00PM

FREE ADMISSION ~ DONATIONS WELCOME

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## **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](http://katebowler.com/lent)



### **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, <sup>34</sup>*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.* <sup>35</sup>*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.

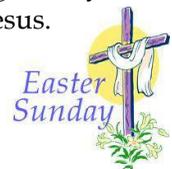
On this, a most faithful and a most fateful day in the long history of God's people, we reach the climax in the unfolding drama of the life and ministry of Jesus.

### **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**

*At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. (Matthew 26:49)*

## **Prompts for Reflection**

"The Betrayal of Christ" (also known as "The Kiss of Judas") was painted in 1306 by the Florentine artist Giotto di Bondone. The melee is background, for the painter focuses our attention on the dramatic moment—the betrayal comes in a kiss, so intimate! With his kiss, Judas envelopes Jesus with his cloak highlighted in yellow tone. Jesus locks eyes with Judas but does not flinch. This is the meeting of humans once friends, but also a meeting of the divine and the human, an encounter which becomes transformational for both.



**Nick Athanasiadis**

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