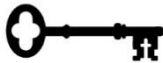




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 6, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call to Worship – Reilly McKay family

Lector – Tom Scott

Greeters – Abbie Boyko & Nancy Rundle

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Arietta*

D. Wolford

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, God is 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

Refer to Fifth Sunday in Lent insert

* HYMN – Oh Worship The King

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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

RECOGNITION OF KATHRINE BARNARD AS ELDER EMERITUS

* HYMN - Be Still And Know That I Am God

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1. Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

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.

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.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY 'All For The Love of Jesus' from "The Crucifixion"

J. Stainer

*All for Jesus - all for Jesus, This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope, nor Saviour, If we have not hope in Thee.*

*All for Jesus - Thou wilt give us, Strength to serve Thee, hour by hour;
None can move us from Thy presence, While we trust Thy love and power.*

*All for Jesus - at Thine altar, Thou wilt give us sweet content;
There, dear Lord, we shall receive Thee, Thou has loved us, be with us.*

*All for Jesus - all for Jesus, This the Church's song must be;
Till, at last, we are all gathered, One in love and one in 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 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 - 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 *Maestoso and Fugue*

C. Geissler

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!

Elder Emeritus -Katherine Barnard: Born and raised in Hamilton Ontario, Katherine Barnard graduated from McMaster University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, and had a career as a Chartered Accountant. Kathy and her husband Scott, were married at Central in 1983, after joining the congregation in 1982. Within this community of faith, Kathy served on a number of committees. As well, she has been an active member of the “Mom’s Time Out” and “Central Connections” groups, taught Sunday school, prepared meals for the Charlton Club, served as baptism coordinator, an elder and Deputy Clerk of Session. Currently, she is a Trustee, a member of the HR committee, and the HOOTC team. In her retirement, Kathy enjoys nature and family time with Scott, their adult children, Laura and Andrew, and granddaughter, Alexandra.

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.

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.

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.

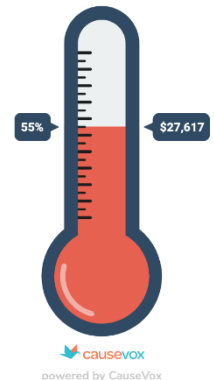
This is because we have reconfigured our space to welcome new tenants. The income we now receive enables us to offer sacred space for worship, a safe gathering place for the community, and of course, concert space for Music@Central, along with music space for choirs and concerts in the city of Hamilton.

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



Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

Central Presbyterian
Church
**God's Love Includes
Everyone**



Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**Grace and gratitude belong together like
heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude
like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows
grace like thunder lightning.**

Karl Barth



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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

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| ~ Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. | Fifth Sunday of Lent Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, April 6, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central: Enchanted Flutes |
| ~ Monday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. | Search Committee Meeting (Allan Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. – Noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. | Palm/Passion Sunday Service of Worship |
| ~ Thursday, April 17, 3:30-5:00 p.m. | First HOOTC BBQ for 2025 (Outside Forecourt) |
| ~ 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 p.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 |
| ~ Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Friday, May 2 | Youth Night |

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 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!

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.

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 289-442-5252)

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

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



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.

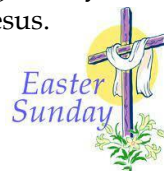
On this, a most faithful and a most fateful day in the long history of God's people, we reach the climax in the unfolding drama of the life and ministry of Jesus.

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

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. ¹⁷ 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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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/>