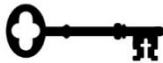




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 13, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

Lector – Dr. Mary Guise

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Be Lifted Up*

R. Anderson

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:

Congregation: God in our thinking, God in our speaking.

We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our confusion:

God in our acting, God in our stillness.

We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:

God in our waking, God in our sleeping.

We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:

God in our meeting, God in our parting.

Let us worship God.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* HYMN – Holy Spirit, Hear Us

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:35, 37-39

As the apostle Paul reflected on the heart of the faith that prompts Christian service, he asked: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 123 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

COMMISIONING AND BLESSING FOR CAMP

Leader 1: In a busy, fragmented world, camp offers people an opportunity to pause, to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation, to open themselves more fully to God, and to experience the love of Jesus in community life.

Congregation: May our camps be places where people seek and find God's face in creation, receive God's love in Christ, and radiate God's Spirit in the world.

Leader 2: We are so grateful for the many adults and youth who are serving as camp staff this summer and for the children and youth who will experience camp - some for the first time! This morning we ask for God's blessing upon them, and we offer them the support and prayers of their church community.

(Please stand if you will be a camper this summer.)

Leader 1: May these campers be filled with awe at your creation, may they be nurtured in their journeys of faith, may they experience healthy, strong relationships with each other and with the staff.

Campers: We commit ourselves to honouring the beauty and rhythms of creation, and to teaching others to live with respect and care.

Leader 2: God, bless these children and youth as they learn and experience living in right relation with the beauty the Creator has blessed us with.

Congregation: Bless these campers, God. May their time at camp be filled with growth, adventure, faith, and fun.

Prayer offered by Parents:

Loving Creator for these young people we pray: nurture their spirit, strengthen their bodies, deepen their wisdom during their time away. For the camp staff we pray: give them wisdom as they discern the spiritual, emotional and social needs of the campers they work with. By your grace, may these relationships and their relationships with each other be transformative.

And may they know the love and support of the people of Central as we send them from our fellowship and as we receive them back into our fellowship. AMEN.

During the summer, children are welcome to participate in the Faith Finders program in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall. Parents please pick up your children after the service. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones aged 3 and under throughout the entire service.

SERMON: *Strength in Weakness*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

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1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!

2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour dear and kind.

4. But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but the loved ones know.

5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now
and through eternity.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO *O Come, Let Us Worship*

F. Mendelssohn
Hubert de Bruin, tenor solo

*O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord, and bow down to Him,
the Lord our Maker, and bow down to Him, and kneel before the Lord.*

*O Come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord,
Come, bow the knee to the Lord, come bow the knee to the Lord, to the Lord, the Lord our Maker,
to the Lord, to the Lord, the Lord our Maker, to our Maker.*

*For He is our God, and we are the flock of His Pasture, and the people of His hand,
and the people of His hand.*

*O come, Let us worship and kneel before the lord, Come, bow the knee to the Lord,
the Lord our Maker, Come, bow the knee to the Lord, Come, let us bow the knee before the Lord.*

* 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 - All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

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1. All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell;
for I know, whate'er befall me
Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see.

3. All the way my Saviour leads me,
oh the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Fiducia"*

T. Birchwood from "Sacred Melodies"

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!

Spirit, come, dispel our sadness

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G D G D/F# Em Bm Csus2-1 G Em D/F# G Am

1. Spir - it, come, dis - pel our sad - ness; pierce the clouds of
 2. From that height which knows no meas - ure, as a gra - cious
 3. Come, O best of all do - na - tions God can give, or

G/B /C D 7 G Em D/F# G D Em D/F# G6 A D

sin - ful night; come, thou source of sweet-est glad - ness,
 shower de - scend, bring - ing down the rich-est treas - ure
 we im - plore; hav - ing thy sweet con - so - la - tions

C D7/A G C Em/D C6 D G G Am G/B D G

breath thy life and spread thy light. Lov - ing Spir - it, God of peace,
 we can wish or God can send. O thou glo - ry, shin - ing down
 we need wish for noth - ing more. Come, a - noint us now with power;

Dm 6 C Bm/D C/E G Dsus4 - 3 G Bm C/E (D7) G

great dis - tri - bu - ter of grace, rest up - on this
 from the Fath - er and the Son, grant us thine il -
 on our souls thy grac - es shower; auth - or of the

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Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY 6611 D

D A/C# D Asus4-3 G Em6 D 6 A/C# Bm A/C# E7sus4-3

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of
 2. Oh let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will

A D G A G/B D Em/G D/F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

mine, and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing,
 be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing,
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing,

Bm Dmaj7/F# G D F#m E7 A C/E (D7) G D Em 6 D/F# (G) A

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 for none can guess its grace, till we be - come the place

/G D/F# G A G/B D /F# G6 Em7 Asus4-3 7 D

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and pride in earth - ly glo - ry scorns with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Dr. Nick Athanasiadis will be on study leave from August 16-August 30, serving in a small rural congregation in Metis Qc. but also engaging in a self-directed study in the area of Religion from the Paleolithic to the Axial Age.

The Rev. Lois Whitwell will be leading worship on Sunday August 20 and 27th.

For any pastoral concerns in the next week, please contact 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.

Word of the Day:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

- 2 Corinthians 12:8b

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 let Helena know (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

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/welcome-statement/

Mission Committee Reminder:

There is a basket in our main entrance to the sanctuary for [Hamilton Food Share](#).

You may bring non-perishable items anytime which supports those in need.

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

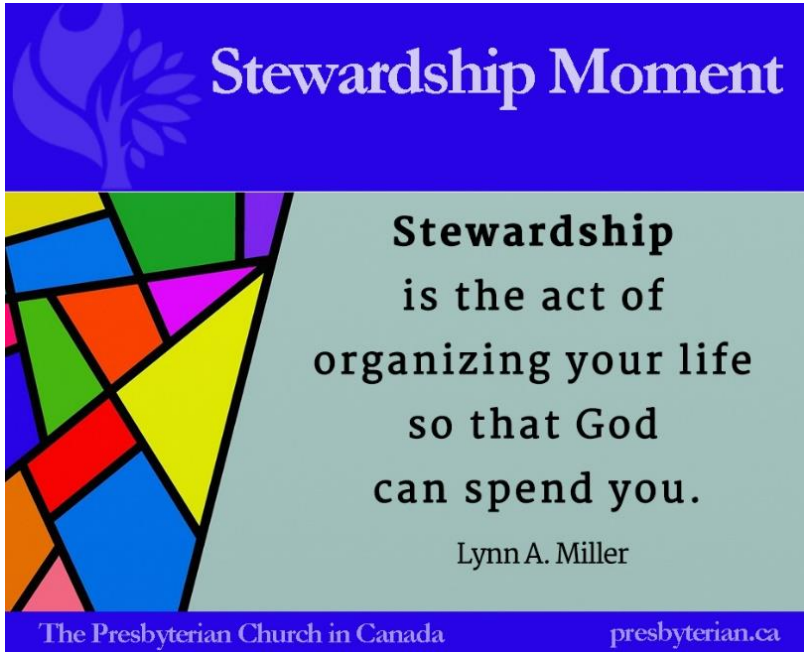
You can choose to support this good work by placing a gift on the offering plate, through pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donating online, via Interac E-Transfer or cheque. Please send to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca, include your envelope # or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving

Revenues as of June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
Congregational Givings	\$ 114,550	\$ 86,719	\$ (27,831)
Other Revenue	31,746	36,487	4,741
Trustees as budgeted	90,217	90,217	-
	\$ 236,513	\$ 213,423	\$ (23,090)

Note: There is a shortfall between budgeted and actual revenues and Trustees providing support.

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 Moment

Stewardship
is the act of
organizing your life
so that God
can spend you.

Lynn A. Miller

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Come Sing With Us . . .



Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central!

The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry.

We also welcome additional singers to join us temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at music@cpchamilton.ca

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/>

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Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante

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