



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

October 22, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call to Worship – Kelvin Olumide

Responsive Psalm – Sara Traficante

Lector – Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prayer*

The Peaceful Forests

L. van Beethoven

H. Isaak

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Dona Nobis Pacem*

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Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We meet in the name of God,
Creator of the universe,
Source of true humanity,
Mother and father of all.

**We meet in the name of Jesus,
Word made flesh,
Saviour of fallen humanity,
Lover of all.**

We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
Lord and giver of life,
Midwife of new humanity,
Inspirer of all.

**Come then, eternal God
Be present here,
Befriend us here,
Renew us here. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* HYMN – O God, Though Art My God Alone (tune: 103)

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1. O God, thou art my God alone;
early to thee my soul shall cry,
a pilgrim in a land unknown,
a thirsty land whose springs are dry.
2. Yet through this rough and thorny maze
I follow hard on thee, my God;
thy hand unseen up holds my ways;
I safely tread where thou hast trod.
3. Thee in the watches of the night
when I remember on my bed,
thy presence makes the darkness light;
thy guardian wings are round my head.

4. Better than life itself, thy love,
dearer than all beside to me,
for whom have I in heaven above,
or what on earth, compared with thee?

5. Praise with my heart, my mind, my voice,
for all thy mercy I will give;
my soul shall still in God rejoice;
my tongue shall bless thee while I live.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 8.5

World Peace

**Christ, the Prince of Peace,
calls his followers to seek peace in the world.**

**We know that nations have fought in self-defence
and that war, at times, may be unavoidable.
But the tragic evil that comes with war,
the slaughter of men, women, and children
must rouse us to work for peace.**

**We protest against the world arms race
that diminishes our ability to fight
hunger, ignorance, poverty and disease.**

**We fear nuclear war
and the devastation it would bring.**

**We affirm that God is at work when people are
ashamed of the inhumanity of war
and work for peace with justice.**

**We pray for peace
to him who is the Prince of Peace.**

1. As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee
and thy refreshing grace.

2. For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine;
oh when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

3. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God, who will employ
sure aid for thee, and change these sighs
to thankful hymns of joy.

4. God of my strength, how long shall I,
like one forgotten, mourn,
forlorn, forsaken and exposed
to my oppressor's scorn?

5. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
praise to thy God, the living God,
thy health's eternal spring.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 42 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available in the upstairs Faith Finders room. 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

Lamentations 1: 1-7 & 12-13; 2:11-13

SERMON: *A Cause for Lamentation*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – The Lord's my shepherd

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1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
even for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,

for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Pray For The Peace of Jerusalem*

Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness be in thy palaces.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love 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'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 – Let There Be light

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Lost Chord*

Sir Arthur Sullivan, Arr. for organ by A. Schreiner

*The lost chord quieted pain and sorrow like love overcoming strife;
It seemed the harmonious echo from our discordant life.*

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!

For any pastoral concerns, 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.

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/



Let there be light

CONCORD 4776

G /B C Dsus4 - 3 /C G/B Am7 (D/A) G/B C6 G/D D



1. Let there be light;
2. O - pen our lips;
3. Per - ish the sword;
4. Hal - low our love;

let there be un - der - stand - ing;
o - pen our minds to pon - der;
per - ish the an - gry judge - ment;
hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs;

D/C G/B C D6 - 7 Em Am9 D 7 G



let all the na - tions ga - ther; let them be face to face.
o - pen the door of con - cord, o - pen - ing in - to grace.
per - ish the bombs and hun - ger; per - ish the fight for gain.
hal - low their ho - ly free - dom; hal - low - ed be your name.

5. Your kingdom come;
your spirit turn to language;
your people speak together;
your spirit never fade.

6. Let there be light;
open our hearts to wonder;
perish the way of terror;
hallow the world God made.

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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

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 (Other than that provided by Trustees) as of September 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
Congregational Givings	\$ 171,825	\$ 150,607	\$ (21,218)
Other Revenue	53,684	50,234	(3,450)
	\$ 225,509	\$ 200,841	\$ (24,668)

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.

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service
~ Tuesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.- noon	Knit and Knatter Group
~ Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.	Central's Book Club (Allan Room)
~ Thursday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
~ Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
~ Sunday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.	Reformation Sunday and New Member Welcome
~ Wednesday, November 1, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Prime Time online
~ Wednesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.–noon	Senior's In-person Gathering (Guild Room)
~ November 10 th 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Youth evening
~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.	Chamber Music Concert: In Memorium <i>Andromeda Trio</i>
~ Friday, November 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Youth Movie Night: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe (Guild Room)

The books in the Fellowship Hall are available to anyone who wishes to take them. They were part of a pop-up book sale held by **Hamilton Out of the Cold** as a fund raiser. Should you wish to make a donation, there is a box for cash donations on the table with the books, or, please do so by going to the Hamilton Out of the Cold website and clicking on the "Donate" button. [Donate – Hamilton Out of the Cold](#)

Volunteer Opportunity: If you are interested in reading Scripture on Sundays, please let Helena know (helena@cpchamilton.ca). We are in the process of planning a new reader schedule beginning in November.

Stewardship Moment



Since you get
more joy
out of giving
joy to others,
you should put
a good deal
of thought
into the happiness
that you are able
to give.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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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 Central Presbyterian Church's Land Acknowledgement <https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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Prompts for Reflection

We wish there was no occasion in life for which to lament. But lament we do. It is an ancient practice. In view of recent events in Israel-Palestine, what I hope may be enabled through the practice of lament is that our perplexity and our grief may be brought out of our own brooding and in worship placed at the foot of the cross—the burden shared, but also laid down. There are things which are too much for us to bear alone.

This is what the psalms do for us over and again. Especially the communal psalms of lament which take up a third of the psalter.

In reading scripture together, reflecting upon it, praying communally—we place these burdens where they belong—at the foot of the cross. There are other ways to cope with reports and images of violence, and that is to shut them off. And some do this. Literally shut off the news. At times this may be necessary to collect oneself and to recover. But I don't think we can finally ignore or deny the suffering, as painful as it may be to acknowledge. Rather, we can bring it to God in honest, vulnerable prayer together with the gathered community of God's people.

Lament is a way of expressing, bringing out the pain, instead of holding it in.

Word of the Day:

*I will complain, yet praise,
I will bewail, approve,
And all my sour-sweet days
I will lament and love.*

(George Herbert (1593-1633) from "Bitter-sweet")



- Nick Athanasiadis