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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

October 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Reformation Sunday Worship Service and Welcome of New Members

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector – Tom Sproule

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Sonata No. 1 in A Major*  
*Andante and Allegro*

G. F. Handel  
Sharon Lee, violin soloist

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Jeremiah 31:7-9)

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness:  
Congregation: **God is gathering the people!**  
From the farthest parts of the earth we come:  
**All who struggle; all who labor with new life!**  
Those who are weeping, God will console;  
**Those who get lost find a clear path home.**  
Let us worship the God who gathers us!

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

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

\* HYMN – Holy, Holy, Holy

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### PROLOGUE

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

Leader: 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.

**Congregation: 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

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.

*Following the hymn, 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.*

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 668)

Isaiah 40:18-31

SERMON: *The Protestant Principle*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

2. All with in that holy city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pour perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy faithful loving kindness,  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.

4. Here bestow on all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Alleluia! O Praise The Lord Most Holy* J. S. Bach, Ed. by Paul Thomas

*Alleluia! O praise the Lord most Holy! Alleluia, Lord most high.  
He is worthy to receive power, wealth, and glory,  
wisdom, might, and honor, blessing now and ever more.  
For He is the true and righteous Lord of all in heav'n and earth.  
King of kings and Lord of lords, we do worship at your throne.*

\* 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 – The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation  
by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought us  
that we might ever be  
his living servant people,  
by his own death set free.

2. Called forth from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
our charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
one holy name professing  
and at one table fed,  
to one hope we are pressing,  
by Christ's own Spirit led.

3. Though with a scornful wonder  
the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
But soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5. We now on earth have union  
with God the ThreeinOne,  
and share, through faith, communion  
with those whose rest is won,  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

M. Luther, Arr. for Organ by S. Scheidt

# Holy, holy, holy

Descant

NICAEA 11 12 12 10

4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
D Bm A 7 D G (A9/G) (A9/G) D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
A/C# D A/C# Bm E/B A/C# D A/E E7 A 7

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,  
though our eyes in sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

## French

- Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;  
que ton nom soit exalté sur terre et dans les cieux!  
Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,  
Pour ton amour, pour tes dons merveilleux!
- Gloire, gloire, gloire, redisent les anges,  
joignant leurs sublimes voix au chœur mélodieux:  
Gloire, gloire, gloire, des chants, des louanges,  
partout frémit l'immensité des cieux.

## Mandarin

Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi, quán néng dà zhǔ zǎi!  
Qīng chén wǒ zhòng gē shēng huān shēng shàng dà tiān tīng.  
Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi! Cí bēi quán néng zhǔ zǎi!  
Zàn měi sǎn yī Shén, Fù, Zǐ yǔ Shèng Líng!

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A 7 D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D/F# D7/F# G D 7 G Em/G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

3. Gloire, gloire, gloire, victoire, espérance,  
 les saints et les bienheureux proclament tous en chœur:  
 gloire, gloire, gloire, Dieu de toute grâce;  
 de nos péchés tu es libérateur.

4. Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;  
 toute la création chante à notre Rédempteur:  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,  
 au Père, au Fils, au Saint Consolateur.



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](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).

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



### **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](mailto:music@cpchamilton.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/welcome-statement/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/)

### 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](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca), include your envelope # or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit [cpchamilton.ca/giving](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving)

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

	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
<b>Congregational Givings</b>	\$ 171,825	\$ 150,607	\$ (21,218)
<b>Other Revenue</b>	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.

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Fall Festival</b>
~ Sunday, October 29, 10:30 p.m.	<b>Reformation Sunday and New Member Welcome</b>
~ Tuesday, October 31, 10:00 a.m.- noon	<b>Knit and Knatter Group</b>
~ Wednesday, November 1, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Prime Time online</b>
~ Thursday, November 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go</b>
~ Thursday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>
~ Sunday, November 5, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> – start of Daylight savings
~ Monday, November 6, 10 a.m.-noon	<b>Hamilton Out of the Cold Café</b>
~ Wednesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.–noon	<b>Senior's In-person Gathering</b> (Guild Room)
~ November 10 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth evening</b>
~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Chamber Music Concert: In Memorium</b> <i>Andromeda Trio</i>
~ Friday, November 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Movie Night: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe</b> (Guild Room)

### 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/>

Word of the Day:

*You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth (Exodus 20:4).*

## Prompts for Reflection

Any thing and many things can become idols for us. There are the obvious ones like political ideologies. They have been present for as long as human beings have lived together. In our time they are legion, ideologies on the left and on the right. So much conversation has degenerated into shouting



matches, speaking past and over each other. Each side trying to score talking points and winning the publicity war.

In the face of this the Bible insists that God alone is judge, and all is judged under the divine gaze, meaning there is one ultimate, and all the rest are penultimate, including corporations, governments, religions—including the Christian religion—all stand under a greater judgment.

The Protestant Reformation understood this profound truth, which it recognized as arising from the first two commandments:

*I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.*

*You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. (Exodus 20: 2-4).*

- **Nick Athanasiadis**

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