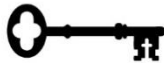




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Guest organist and choir director - Emile Swanepoel

Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

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

PRELUDE *Organ Sonata No. 6 in D Minor, Op. 65: III. Final* Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

INTROIT – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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*1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come, to God's own temple, come:  
raise the song of harvest home.*

*3. For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offences purge away,  
give the angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in God's storehouse evermore.*

*4. Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home:  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels, come:  
raise the glorious harvest home.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God together.

**Congregation: Let us enter this time of worship  
through the gates of thanksgiving  
and worship in the courts of praise.**

For the Lord is good,  
the Lord's mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endures to all generations.

**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 – Morning Has Broken

814 (see pg. 6)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 2.1.2-2.1.3

We hold in reverence the whole creation  
as the theatre of God's glory and action.  
God rules the lives of individuals and nations  
yet does not negate our freedom and responsibility.  
Ever at work in the world and in our lives  
God directs all things towards fulfillment in Christ.

**We affirm God's righteous and loving purpose  
even in a world where evil abounds.  
This purpose is uniquely disclosed in Jesus Christ.  
In him we see the greatest paradox of life:  
the mighty God chose to come into this world in weakness.  
In Christ, God entered most deeply into our suffering.**

\* HYMN – All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
in love God made them all.

(Refrain)

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours;  
God made their tiny wings.

3. The rocky mountain splendour,  
the haunting curlew's call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forests in the fall,

(Refrain)

(Refrain)

2. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, every one.

4. God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty  
who has made all things well.

(Refrain)

## 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.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 199)

Philippians 4:10-20

SERMON: *To be Content*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – For the Fruits of All Creation

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### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*      Words: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75  
Musical setting: Healey Willan, 1880-1968

*Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices  
Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons  
In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest  
A song of happy love.*

*By Him the clouds rain goodness,  
The deserts bloom and spring.  
The hills leap up in gladness,  
The valleys laugh and sing.  
He filleth with His fullness,  
All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing,  
With plenty and with peace.*

*Heap on His sacred altar  
The gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest,  
The souls He died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him  
When at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him  
Who gave His life for all.*

\* 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 - Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom God's world rejoices,  
who from our mother's arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with everjoyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
the Father and the Son  
and Spirit now be given,  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
for thus it was, is now  
and shall be evermore.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata No.79)*

J.S. Bach (1685 -1750)

# Morning has broken

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D

Descant (vocalized)

Ah...

Unison C /B Am /G DmF G C6 /D Em Am

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
 2. Sweet the rain's new - fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3. Mine is the sun - light; mine is the morn - ing; born of the

C/E F 6 G6 Am Dm7 G Em Am Dm Em

spo - ken like the first bird; praise for the sing - ing, praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass; praise for the sweet - ness, praise for the  
 one light E - den saw play; praise with e - la - tion; praise eve - ry

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Am DmF Em/G C/E Dm7 G 7 C(sus4-2 - 3)

morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word.  
 morn - ing, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.  
 morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## For the fruits of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS 12 12 8 8 12

F /A Bb F/A Gm /Bb C Am Bbsus2-1 C6 7 F

1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;  
 for the gifts to eve - ry na - tion, thanks be to God;

2. In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done;  
 in the help we give our neigh - bour, God's will is done;

3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;  
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

Bb/DF Bb/D F/A Bb Cm Bb/D Dm Gm F/A Bb6 Dm Gmsus9/Bb F/C C

for the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 in our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,  
 for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

F/A Bb F Gm /Bb C Am Bbsus2-1 C6 7 F

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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).

**We extend our condolences to Cathy Keith**, and her family, upon the death of her husband, Gary. Gary was a long-time friend of Central, and had been ill for the past year. He passed away on August 24, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Royal Yacht Club in Hamilton on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Cathy and Gary have three children, Erin, Heather, and Christopher.

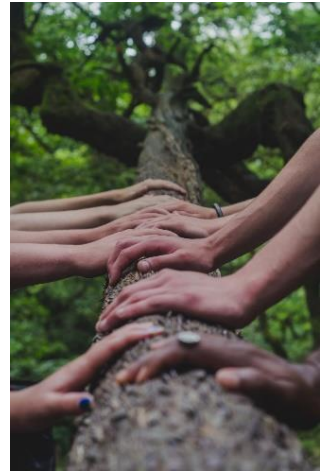
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If you would like to get to know Central better, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or spend some time going through our Website ([www.cpchamilton.ca](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please let Helena know ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

### Invitation to Membership

There will be an opportunity for adherents and friends of this congregation to become members. Membership is not about being religious or increasing your attendance. Membership is about committing yourself at this point in your life to journeying toward God in the company of a particular fellowship of God's people. If this congregation is helping and supporting your spiritual journey, you are encouraged to become a member.

Please speak to Nick Athanasiadis (Interim Minister) or to Sara Traficante (Coordinator of Discipleship), if you are considering such a step at this point in your life, or if you would like to know more. We plan to welcome new members on Reformation Sunday October 29.



### **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)

### 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.

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*

*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*

*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante*

*General Accountant – Zafar Iqbal*

*Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma*

*Custodian – Rob Monkelbaan*

*Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French*

*Nursery Coordinator – Cathy Slattery*

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## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.                      **Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Tuesday, October 10 10:00 a.m.- noon              **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Wednesday, October 11, 3:00-7:00 p.m.              **Durand Market** - final market day for this season
- ~ Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.                      **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.                      **Mission Sunday**
- ~ Friday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.              **Pumpkin Carving Evening**
- ~ Sunday, October 29, 10:30 p.m.                      **Reformation Sunday  
and New Member Welcome**
- ~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.                      **Chamber Music Concert: In Memorium  
*Andromeda Trio***
- ~ Friday, November 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.              **Youth Movie Night: The Lion, The Witch,  
and the Wardrobe (Central's Guild Room)**

**Volunteer Opportunity:** On Saturday, October 21, we will have a kitchen clean-up from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon. This involves cleaning all cupboards and drawers in the kitchen as well as the refrigerator and freezer. All volunteers are welcome. Bring a pail and some cleaning cloths and we will complete the job in the morning.                      Thanks. Mary Guise

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

**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, 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](#)

### **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/>

## Prompts for Reflection

Word of the Day:

*I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

(Philippians 4: 11-13).

In the passage above (Philippians 4:11-13), Paul is writing about how he has managed to find contentment amid hard times and amid good times. He says nothing about overcoming the hard times. He is still having a hard time! He is writing as a prisoner



in a prison, and it is not looking good. Nor is contentment akin to passive acceptance for Paul. Rather, contentment is the preliminary ground for focused energy on one thing—the proclamation of the gospel. The gospel, the good news which untangles us from self-preoccupation, concern for getting ahead, preoccupation for what is good for me, even preoccupation over my rights! The good news is my restoration of relationship with God by God! And so, I have freedom and power to love, and God knows the world needs love because the world has forgotten that it is loved. Because I am loved into life eternal, I can live love, mediate peace, bind wounds, lift the broken hearted, and live with a hope which transcends all that I can do. This is the gospel! And because Paul is content in all circumstances, he can proclaim the gospel.

--Nick Athanasiadis