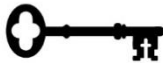




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Judy Johnson

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *God Is In My Heart*

L. A. Warriner

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Alleluia, Praise The Lord* - 13th Century Round

Arr. by R. Currie

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather us, O God

Congregation: And we will know your life that makes us one.

Gather us, O God

And we will celebrate our variety and uniqueness.

Gather us, O God

And we will give you the pain of our brokenness.

Gather us O God,

And we will share the gifts of your Spirit.

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God, our God,

You are gracious and loving, holy and eternal;

your love is steadfast, your presence ever near.

Your wisdom is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew.

Your name has come to us through the centuries,

yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you.

God, Creator, Christ and Spirit,

we offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation;

surprise us in this time of worship

and refresh our readiness to serve you.

God, our God,

You know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another

and the times we merely tolerated each other.

You know our minds, the times we truly focused on you

and the times we pursued our own purposes.

Forgive us those times we went our own way,

and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

* HYMN – Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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1. Stand up and bless the Lord;
God's people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and praise and magnify?

3. Oh for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought.

4. God is our strength and song;
now is salvation ours.
God's love in Christ we now proclaim
with all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God's glorious name
henceforth forevermore.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 1 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Good News translation

The LORD told Moses ²to say to the community of Israel, “Be holy, because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

⁹“When you harvest your fields, do not cut the grain at the edges of the fields, and do not go back to cut the heads of grain that were left. ¹⁰Do not go back through your vineyard to gather the grapes that were missed or to pick up the grapes that have fallen; leave them for poor people and foreigners. I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“Do not steal or cheat or lie. ¹²Do not make a promise in my name if you do not intend to keep it; that brings disgrace on my name. I am the LORD your God.

¹³“Do not rob or take advantage of anyone. Do not hold back the wages of someone you have hired, not even for one night. ¹⁴Do not curse the deaf or put something in front of the blind so as to make them stumble over it. Obey me; I am the LORD your God.

¹⁵“Be honest and just when you make decisions in legal cases; do not show favoritism to the poor or fear the rich. ¹⁶Do not spread lies about anyone, and when someone is on trial for his life, speak out if your testimony can help him. I am the LORD.

¹⁷“Do not bear a grudge against others, but settle your differences with them, so that you will not commit a sin because of them. ¹⁸Do not take revenge on others or continue to hate them, but love your neighbors as you love yourself. I am the LORD.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-40 Good News translation

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together, ³⁵ and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. ³⁶ “Teacher,” he asked, “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and the most important commandment. ³⁹ The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

HYMN - Love the Lord Your God

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REFLECTION: *You Shall Love your Neighbour as Yourself*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Help Us Accept Each Other

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Praise The Lord, Ye Children*

R. J. Powell

*O praise the Lord, ye children, Praise Him, give thanks and sing,
With cheerful voice, both full and strong, To God your Lord and King.*

*Lift high your free exulting song, Your clear hosannas raise,
Send forth the hymns our parents loved, The psalms of ancient days.*

*Now sing with all the Angels choirs, With all the saints on earth;
pour out the songs of joy and bliss, Sing all with love and mirth.*

*All praise to Him who reigns on high, The Lord, who we adore,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forever more.*

* 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 of Christ, in Every Age (tune 67)

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Can I Keep From Singing*

T. Birchwood

Thank you to our youth worship leaders:

Nathan, Kelvin, Tristan, Caspian, Ramona, Abigail, Rachel, Samuel, Giselle,
Gregoire, Gustav, Kene, Neto, Risa

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Love the Lord your God

LOVE THE LORD Irregular

E B A E

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God, with all your soul.

A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 F#m7 B

Love the Lord your God with all your

E Emaj7 A B E (sus)

mind. with all that you are.

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Help us accept each other

BARONITA 7 6 7 6 D

G Em 7 Cmaj7 Em Am7 G/B Em/B B7 C /B

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Am 7 G/D (Am/D) G/B A9 Em A9/C# Dsus4-3

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

G 6 C/E Em/D C6 G/B Bsus2-3 Em /D

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all — not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

C /B Am G/B Em /G Amsus4 D9 (D) G

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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The church of Christ, in every age

1. The church of Christ, in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating Word.

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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). 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).



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

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/

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.



Stewardship Moment

Every generous act of
GIVING
with every perfect gift, is from above.

James 1:17a

The Presbyterian Church in Canada presbyterian.ca

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, November 12, 10:30 a.m. **Intergenerational Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m. **Chamber Music Concert: In Memorium**
Andromeda Trio
- ~ Monday, November 13, 10 a.m.-noon **Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- ~ Tuesday, November 14, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, November 16, 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Friday, November 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Youth Movie Night: The Lion, The Witch,
and the Wardrobe (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/>

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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

Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma

Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French

Nursery Coordinator – Cathy Slattery

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Word of the Day:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the greatest and the most important commandment.³⁹ The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’⁴⁰ The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments” (Matt. 22: 37-40)

Prompts for Reflection



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Five Finger Prayer –

In preparation for our intergenerational worship, the Faith Finders children learned a five-finger prayer for The Greatest Commandment. We had fun playing around with the challenge of holding up and moving one finger at a time. The children took turns leading these memory verses. All are invited to try this at home and during the worship service on Sunday.

Hold up your hand with fingers spread wide. Using five fingers, review and memorize Jesus' message. Wiggle each finger as you say the verse.

Thumb: Love the Lord your God

First finger: with all your heart

Second finger: with all your soul

Third finger: and with all your mind.

Pinky finger: Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

Adapted from Sparkhouse curriculum by Sara Traficante

