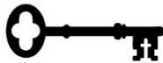




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call to Worship – Willa Reilly McKay

Lector – Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Holy Gifts We Offer*

J. Southbridge

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *This Is a Story Full of Love*

Words by B. A. Wren, Music by W. P. Rowan

*This is a story full of love, a song to set us free, of God,
the Wisdom and the Word, the keystone and the key.*

*For Wisdom guides the flow of life and governs, hour by hour,
the forces of the universe, the fragrance of a flower.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We can sense God as Creator in the warmth of the sun,
The bite of the wind, the floral smells we can almost taste.

**Congregation: We can feel God as Presence in special places that move us
to reverence, in times of prayer that impress us as holy moments.**

We can appreciate God as Provider in the caring acts of others who
minister to us, through the response we make to needs of others
as we are drawn to minister to them.

**But we can most fully understand and love God through
the person of a Person, through Jesus called the Christ,
the Child of God. It is as followers in fellowship with the
Teacher of Nazareth that we come together to worship God this day.**

* HYMN – Glory Be to God the Father

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – We Are God’s People

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 49:1-12 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

This is a wisdom Psalm. – a meditation on the transience of life and wealth

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 (pg. 10)

Genesis 13:1-12

SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 74)

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON: *A Key to Unlock Your Heart*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (tune: 262)

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Irish hymn, Arr. by E. C. Bairstow

*The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living waters flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight, From thy pure chalice floweth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And gently on his shoulder laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, May I sing thy praise Within thy house, within thy house forever.*

* 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 God of Abraham Praise

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1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love.
Almighty, great I Am!
by earth and heaven confessed,
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

2. The God of Abraham praise,
at whose supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
at God's right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame, and power,
the Lord my only portion make,
my shield and tower.

3. Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
at God's command;
the watery deep I pass
with Jesus in my view,
and through the howling wilderness
my way pursue.

4. The goodly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest;
there milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow,
with mercy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness;
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace
on Zion's sacred height
God's kingdom still maintains,
and glorious with the saints in light
forever reigns.

6. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God, and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in 4 Parts*

O. Gibbons

Glory be to God the Father

REGENT SQUARE 8 7 8 7 8 7

Descant

3. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" an - gel choirs their

Bb /D Bb /F F/Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D Gm

1. Glo - ry be to God the Fath - er, glo - ry be to
 2. Glo - ry to the One who loved us, washed us from each
 3. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" an - gel choirs their

hymns pro - long; "Hon - our rich - es, power, do - min - ion!"

F/A F7 Bb /F /D Bb Cm Gm/D D

God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
 sin and stain; glo - ry to the One who bought us,
 hymns pro - long; "Hon - our, rich - es, power, do - min - ion!"

See also: Regent Square 143

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ech - oes all cre - a - tion's song. Glo - ry, glo - ry,
 Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F F
 God al - might - y, Three - in - One! Glo - ry, glo - ry,
 raised us up to serve and reign. Glo - ry, glo - ry,
 ech - oes all cre - a - tion's song. Glo - ry, glo - ry,

glo - ry, glo - ry, prais - es to our God be - long.
 Bb 7 Eb Cm Bb/D Cm/Eb Gm F 7 Bb
 glo - ry, glo - ry, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.
 glo - ry, glo - ry, to the Lamb that once was slain.
 glo - ry, glo - ry, prais - es to our God be - long.

Optional Verse

1. Glory be to God our Maker,
 God Redeemer, holy Son;
 glory be to God the Spirit,
 God almighty, Three-in-One!
 Glory, glory, glory, glory,
 while eternal ages run.

We are God's people

SYMPHONY 11 11 14 8 9

Unison F C /Bb F/A Bb F F C F C

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,
 2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
 3. We are the bod - y of which the Lord is head,
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place,

F C /Bb F/A Bb F C F C

born of the Spir - it, es - tab - lished by the word; our
 for we have known it, the love of God out - poured; now
 called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he
 formed in great weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; a -

Cm Gm/Bb A7 /C# Dm /C Bb

cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: oh
 let us learn how to re - turn the gift of love once given: oh
 wills us be a fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: oh
 lone, we die, for on its own each em - ber los - es fire: yet

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C /Bb Gm C F G C Bb/C/Bb Gm F/A Bbmaj7 Gm F/C C F

let us live trans - par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleas - es heaven.
 let us free - ly give our gifts, and so shall God's work on earth be done.
 joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

663 God, whose giving knows no ending

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
towards the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through powers your Grace conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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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

Volunteer Opportunity: If you are interested in welcoming people on Sunday mornings, we are planning to restart our **greeter list** (this has been paused since Covid). Please let Helena know if you would periodically enjoy sharing Central's hospitality with those who attend worship services (helena@cpchamilton.ca 905-522-9080 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: White Gift Sunday 2023

Two opportunities to be involved!!!

- 1. Saturday, December 2, 2023** between **12- 2 PM** in the handicap parking lot at Central, you can drop off your gift cards **Entering from Hess St., dropping off, exiting onto Caroline St.**
- 2. Sunday December 3, 2023** during the service there will be a **designated time to bring your Gift Cards forward**, placing them in a gift box under the Christmas tree.



How can you help? Instead of purchasing toys, please provide **a gift card(s)** so families may safely purchase their own toys. For ease of distribution, it would be beneficial to have these cards in **smaller amounts of \$10, \$15, or \$20.** If you would like to donate a **larger amount** then **purchase several gift cards in smaller denominations** e.g., for \$100 donation, purchase five \$20 cards. **Cash and cheques** would also be welcome. **Please make cheques out to Inner City Outreach Ministry.** Whatever amount you can manage, your generosity will improve the lives of others this Christmas Season.

What Kind of Gift Cards? The preference is **Walmart** as it is very accessible to many of the families who will receive the gift cards but other options are Shoppers Drug Mart, Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons. **Please obtain a Sleeve for the cards and clearly indicate the dollar amount** of the card for distribution purposes.

I am confident, through the generosity of Central's congregation, we will bring some joy, peace and hope to some children and families this Christmas season. **Don MacVicar, Director of the Inner City Outreach Ministry,** will receive all the Gift cards, cash and cheques for distribution.

Thank you in advance for your generous support in helping to provide a gift for a child and a Christmas dinner for a less fortunate family. For any questions or assistance please call Gloria Gavin 905-627-4318 - The Mission Committee

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Monday, November 20, 10 a.m.-noon **Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- ~ Tuesday, November 21, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, November 23, 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, November 23, 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)**
- ~ Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. **Central’s Book Club**
- ~ Saturday, December 2, 12-2 p.m. **White Gift Card Drop off (Central’s Alleyway)**
- ~ Sunday, December 3rd, 10:30 a.m. **Communion and White Gift Sunday**
- ~ Wednesday, December 6, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Prime Time online**
- ~ Saturday, December 9, 12:00-3:00 p.m. **Durand Christmas Market**
- ~ Sunday December 10, 7:00pm **Candlelight Carol Service**
- ~ Wednesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon **Christmas Gathering (Guild Room)**
- ~ Sunday, December 17, after worship **Christmas Cookie Walk (Guild Room)**
- ~ Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. **Christmas Pageant**
- ~ Sunday, December 24, 8:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- ~ Sunday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. **In Memoriam Service**
- ~ Sunday, January 14, 3:00 p.m. **Chamber Music Concert: Sound Link**

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/>

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.

Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis
Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
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Word of the Day:

And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' (Luke 12: 19-21).

Prompts for Reflection

Offered the choice, Lot looked about him, and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere, and so he naturally chose the greener grass. In the parable of the "Rich Fool" old barns are torn down and bigger barns are constructed to store the abundance. In both cases trust is misplaced. The moral comes in God's word:



"You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Perhaps the parable will work for us.

It hardly needs to be said that contemporary global society is in the grip of the rich fool's delusion. That life consists in what we can get and keep and spend, is probably the loudest of the confused voices of our mass culture, conveyed with seductive expertise in the advertising that forms our consciousness subliminally as well as overtly.

We may be at the point of comprehending this up in our head, but it has not gone down to our heart yet. Down there we still have not let go and let God.

That part cannot be forced only prayed for.

- Nick Athanasiadis