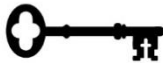




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Shirley Fredlander

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Fantasie in G Major*

G. Scronx (17<sup>th</sup> Cent.)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *King of Kings*

Jewish Trad., Words by N. Batya and S. Conty 266

*King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!*

*Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is the first and the last,  
our beginning and our end.

Congregation: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God,  
who was and is, and is to come.**

All: **Blessing and honour, glory and majesty  
be to our God, now and evermore.**

\* HYMN – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal dia dem to  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and

crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall, go, spread your  
trophies at his feet, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

5. Let every tribe and every tongue,  
responsive to the call,  
lift high the universal song, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

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 – Jesus Shall Reign Where’re the Sun

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1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
the honours due our glorious King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long Amen.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 132** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

*A Psalm in remembrance of David's quest to build a Temple for God.*

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. 113)

**John 18:33-38**

SERMON: *What if Truth Were a Person*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Lo! Christ Come with Clouds

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### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Ave Verum*

W. A. Mozart, Ed. by G. J. Bevan

Translation from the Latin:

*Hail, true Body, born of Mary the Virgin; truly suffering, sacrificed on the cross for man;  
from Whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be to us a foretaste at death's trial,  
O sweet Jesus, O loving Jesus, O Jesus Son of Mary.*

\* 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 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless King  
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God,  
before the worlds began;  
let all who tread where he has trod,  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose kingdom is at hand;  
from pole to pole let warfare cease  
and Christ rule e'ery land!  
A city stands on high;  
Christ's glory it displays,  
and there the nations 'Holy' cry  
in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Source, the End of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
in majesty sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!

### \* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*

T. Kendall

## Lo! Christ comes with clouds

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G D/F# Em Bm C G C D G

1. Lo! Christ comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2. Eye - ry eye shall now be - hold thee  
 3. Now re - demp - tion, long a - wait - ed,  
 4. Ev - er - more let all a - dore thee,

D (E) /C G/B Am 6 G C6 G/D D

Lamb of God for sin - ners slain;  
 robed in awe and maj - es - ty;  
 see in glo - rious life ap - pear!  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

G D/F# Em Bm C G C D G

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 we, who scorned and mocked and sold thee,  
 All God's crea - tures freed from groan - ing,  
 crowns and em - pires fall be - fore thee:

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Music: adaptation, Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

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D (E) /C G/B Am 6 G C6 G/D D

swell the Lord's tri - um - phant train.  
 pierced and nailed thee to the tree,  
 sounds of li - ber - a - tion hear:  
 thou shalt reign and thou a - lone.

D G/B Am 6 G Em Am G/B D 7 Em G/B

Hal - le - lu - jah hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -  
 deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -  
 Come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

A6 G Dsus4-3 G D/F# C/E 6 G/D D 7 G

lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 griev - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear.  
 Je - sus! Claim all glo - ry for thine own.

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).

**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](mailto: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/](http://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



### **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)



## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Monday, November 27, 10 a.m.-noon **Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- ~ Tuesday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m. **Central's Book Club**
- ~ Thursday, November 30, 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, November 30, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Saturday, December 2, 12-2 p.m. **White Gift Card Drop off (Central's Alleyway)**
- ~ Sunday, December 3, 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 support our good work by donating through various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, or send a cheque to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca). Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. **Please note that donations for 2023 should be received by the church or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>.** For more information on ways to give, please visit <https://www.cpchamilton.ca/giving/>

### Revenues (Other than that provided by Trustees) as of October 31, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Over (Short)
<b>Congregational Givings</b>	\$ 193,854	\$ 168,090	\$ (25,764)
<b>Other Revenue</b>	65,040	53,412	(11,628)
	<b>\$ 258,894</b>	<b>\$ 221,502</b>	<b>\$ (37,392)</b>

**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**

I will give thanks to the LORD  
with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

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*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*  
*Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell*  
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Word of the Day:

*Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”*

– John 18:37-38

## Prompts for Reflection



Once upon a time, a baby was born in a nondescript backwater, a scene we will soon see replayed in Nativity Plays many of which will be 'celebrations of imperfection' (Frank Cottrell Boyce). That baby boy grew up amidst turmoil and tribulation, and as a young man on trial for his life he was asked 'what is truth?' The young man had answered that question many times over. That day he does not answer, for the answer is life, a life lived. A life lived transparently.

Likely, Pilate had never met one who shows up, embodying a purity of action, without contradiction or equivocation—so, that day, Pilate washed his hands.

- Nick Athanasiadis