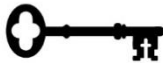




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Trumpet Soloist – Tristan Tye
Call to Worship – Risa Umezie
Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE “Be Lifted Up”

R. Anderson

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Jesus, Lamb of God*

P. Bateman

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*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: grant us peace.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God of justice and peace, we draw near to you in worship.

**Congregation: Open our hearts to remembrance, our minds to your Word,
and our souls to your praise.**

May we leave this place with renewed commitment
to your will and way in the world;

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 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 90 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain II**

In these words, the psalmist is not fighting time, but embracing it in all its glorious and agonizingly fleeting beauty

HYMN Give Thanks for Life, the Measure of Our Days (tune: Sine Nomine 611) 613 (see pg. 10)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

* Bidding:

We will remember them.

And all repeat:

We will remember them.

* The Last Post

* The silence

* Reveille

* Prayer of Remembrance

* **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM: "O Canada"**

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*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

(Refrain)

*God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee*

Following "O Canada", 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.

SERMON: *"The Empire of Force"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an everrolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *And I Saw A New Heaven*

Edgar L. Bainton

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.*

*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and he will dwell with them
and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God.*

*And God shall wipe away all tears, from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.*

* 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

Most gracious God, Father of all mercies, we offer our thanks for the bounty of your providence and the renewing liberty of your grace.

We rejoice in our inheritance in holy things, and in the freedom and peace in which we live.

Especially on this day we give thanks for the remembrance we are privileged to make of those companions of our way whose lives were given in time of war.

And now . . . Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered and known to God.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds which tear the fabric of our humanity.

God give us peace

God give us peace

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

God give us peace

God give us peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world and grant us dignity as we pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Gathering our prayers and remembrance into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

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1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Peace To My Soul*

W. Barnett

*The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Stan and Mary Hamilton by Ian Hamilton and family.*

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

God Creator and Ruler

321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14 14 4 7 8

Descant

4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me a -
G Em D/F# G (D) Em Bm C G C D7/A Em

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work, who de -
4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me a -

dor - ing, all who have life and breath, come with glad
C6 D 7 G Em D/F# G (D) Em Bm C G

a - tion: my soul, praise God who a - lone is your
reign - ing hides you with shel - ter - ing wings, ev - er
fend - ing you; sure - ly God's mer - ci - ful good-ness here
dor - ing, all who have life and breath, come with glad

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prais - es out - pour - ing! Let the a - men sound from God's
 C D7/A Em C6 D 7 G D/F# G C G C/E D/F#
 health and sal - va - tion. Come, all who hear, sis - ters and
 gen - tly sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen, how your heart's
 dai - ly at - tends you; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es out - pour - ing! Let the a - men sound from God's

peo - ple a - gain: now and for - ev - er a - dor - ing!
 G Am 6 G D G/B C D7/F# Em Am/C B Am/C D G
 bro - thers draw near, join - ing in glad a - dor - a - tion.
 wish - es have been grant - ed through God's kind or - dain - ing?
 migh - ty can do, when in great love God be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain, now and for - e - ver a - dor - ing!

613 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days

1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days;
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
hallelujah!
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the
night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right
hallelujah!
3. And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread:
hallelujah!
4. Give thanks for hope, that, like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again:
hallelujah!

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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

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

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| ~ Sunday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. | Remembrance Sunday
- start of Daylight savings |
| ~ Monday, November 6, 10 a.m.-noon | Hamilton Out of the Cold Café |
| ~ Tuesday, November 7, 10:00 a.m.- noon | Knit and Knatter Group |
| ~ Wednesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon | Senior's In-person Gathering (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, November 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m. | Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go |
| ~ Thursday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ November 10 th 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Youth evening |
| ~ Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m. | Chamber Music Concert: In Memorium
<i>Andromeda Trio</i> |
| ~ 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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Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

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Prompts for Reflection



Our minds are often primed to settle into binaries. In battles and wars the dividing lines are winners and losers, victors and vanquished. But in life we know it is more complicated. Most of the time the demarcation is not that neat. In war, moreover, there is a net loss, an irreparable loss, and all suffer it because even for the winners, the victors, there is a profound sense that we have done something awful from which we may never recover. There is, it seems, an innate aversion to killing another, to taking their life, and in the circumstances of war, that killing can take on a deformed aspect, bodies dismembered, torn, burnt, evaporated. For this reason, even the supposed victors find it hard to speak of it afterwards. Even if they do speak, their consciousness may be racked by unresolved guilt. As one writer put it: the sword defiles whether it is at its point or at its hilt, both the one who wields it and the one who is slain are deformed. This is not to equalize what has happened, how can we? But it is to say that no one remains unscathed.

- Nick Athanasiadis

Word of the Day:

*You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.*

*You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers (Psalm 90: 3-6)*