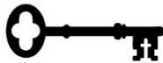




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

January 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Dr. Marilyn Craven

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Partita on 'Praise God The Lord'*

J. G. Walther

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of strife, God is with us!  
**Congregation: Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.**  
Leader: In the anguish and grief of contemporary events,  
**Congregation: God is with us.**  
Leader: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits.  
**Congregation: Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.**  
**All: We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God.**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\* HYMN – Hark the Glad Sound

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| 1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,<br>the Saviour promised long;<br>let every heart prepare a throne,<br>and every voice a song! | 3. You come the broken heart to bind,<br>the wounded soul to cure,<br>to bring the treasures of God's grace,<br>good tidings for the poor.  |
| 2. You come the prisoners to release<br>in Satan's bondage held;<br>the gates of brass before you burst,<br>the iron fetters yield.      | 4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,<br>your welcome shall proclaim,<br>and heaven's eternal arches ring<br>with your most honoured name. |

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Living Faith 3:5 Jesus is Lord** (pg. 11-12)

### \* HYMN – Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

729 (tune of 429)

1. “Silence! Frenzied, unclean spirit,”  
Cried God’s healing, Holy One.  
“Cease your ranting! Flesh can’t bear it.  
Flee as night before the sun.”  
At Christ’s voice the demon trembled,  
From its victim madly rushed,  
While the crowd that was assembled  
Stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.
2. Lord, the demons still are thriving  
in the grey cells of the mind:  
tyrant voices, shrill and driving,  
twisted thoughts that grip and bind,  
doubts that stir the heart to panic,  
fears distorting reason’s sight,  
guilt that makes our loving frantic,  
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
3. Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit  
in our mind and in our heart;  
speak your word that when we hear it,  
all our demons shall depart.  
Clear our thought and calm our feeling,  
Still the fractured warring soul;  
By the power of your healing,  
Make us faithful, true and whole.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 130:1-8** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

### 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.*

SERMON: *"The Scapegoat"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Dear Father, Lord of Humankind

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1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Gali lee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Je sus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love.

4. With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown  
the ten der whisper of thy call,  
as noiseless let thy blessing fall  
as fell thy manna down.

5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of Thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and Thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father Of Us All*

C. H. H. Parry

*Dear Lord and Father of us all, Forgive our foolish ways;  
Re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives, Thy service find, In deeper rev' rence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee, Rise up and follow Thee.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease:  
Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace, The beauty of Thy peace.*

*Breathe thro' the hearts of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm:  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!*

\* 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 - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: oh help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Cornet Voluntary in F*

J. Humphries

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!

Dr Nick Athanasiadis will be away January 3-25.

Supplying the pulpit and leading worship during this time:

January 7 – The Rev. Lois Whitwell – Director of Pastoral Care

January 14 – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson – Interim Moderator

January 21 – The Rev. Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis – Minister in Association,  
MacNab Street Presbyterian Church

We are privileged and glad to welcome these ministry leaders!

### **The Rev. Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis**

Nancy is from the Chicago area but has lived in Hamilton for almost 28 years. She attended Wheaton College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Cambridge University, and the University of Sheffield. She has taught at Wheaton College, Tyndale Seminary, McMaster University (Department of Religious Studies) in both full-time and part-time capacities while also teaching summer courses at St. Andrews Hall and the Presbyterian College in Montreal. She has published three books, one on the letters of Paul and two others on historically overlooked female interpreters of the Bible, and many articles. During her second career, Nancy completed the provincial and national requirements to be a Chaplain Specialist (CASC) and Registered Psychotherapist (CRPO). In this role she worked in palliative care, as a bereavement therapist, as a hospital chaplain, and with Hamilton's homeless population at Wesley Urban Ministries. Nancy is married to Dr. David Koyzis and has one daughter, Theresa.

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 inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto: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](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/)

*O God, You have been with us in all our comings and goings; in all our travelling and resting; in our journeying and in our toiling. And You are with us now as the nudgings and promptings of Your Spirit have called and drawn us to this time of worship.*

*Give to each of us now the stilled and quieted mind; the waiting and receptive heart; the obediently responsive will; that we may feel Your presence, hear Your call and go forth to do Your bidding.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*- Rev. Dr A. (Fred) Gardiner Skelly*

### 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 this good work by donating in 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. For ways to give, visit [cpchamilton.ca/giving](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving)

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.

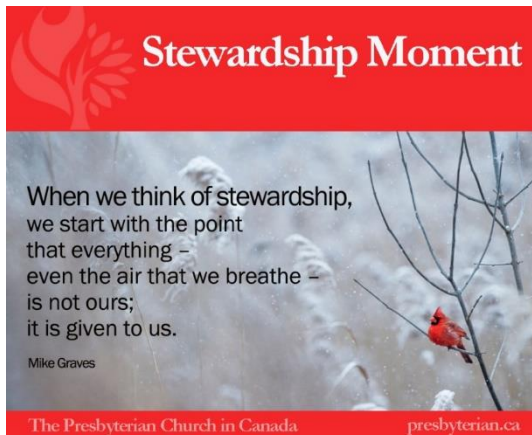
<b>Revenues and Expenses</b>			
<b>Year to Date</b>			
<b>as of December 31, 2023</b>			
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favourable (UnFavourable)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 545,030	\$ 518,589	\$ 26,441
<b>Revenues</b>	325,136	298,564	(26,572)
<b>Revenues less Expenses</b>	\$ (219,894)	\$ (220,025)	\$ (131)
<b>Funds from Trustees as Budgeted</b>	60,000	60,000	-
<b>Budgeted Shortfall</b>	\$ (159,894)	\$ (160,025)	\$ (131)
<b>Additional Funds from Trustees</b>	-	153,096	
<b>Over (Short)</b>	\$ (159,894)	\$ (6,929)	

The 2023 Budget that was approved at the Congregational meeting had expenses greater than revenues in the amount of \$159,894 and the Trustees have provided some temporary funding (in excess of the amounts they had previously committed) by diverting funds that would be normally accumulated for major repairs to the building.



## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, January 22, 10 a.m.-noon **Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- ~ Tuesday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m. **Central's Book Club**
- ~ Thursday, January 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Friday, February 2, 5:00 p.m. **Youth Group**
- ~ Wednesday, February 7, 1:00 p.m. **Prime Time**
- ~ Sunday, February 11 after worship **Pancake Brunch**
- ~ Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. **Fellowship Gathering**
- ~ Saturday, February 17, 1:00–3:00 p.m. **Mission Committee-Hamilton Food Share Drive by**
- ~ Sunday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. **Mission Committee-Hamilton Food Share Collection**
- ~ Sunday, February 25 **Annual General Meeting**
- ~ Sunday, March 3, 3:00 p.m. **Chamber Music Concert: Quartetto Gelato**



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

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

*Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson*

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

*Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes*

*Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante*

*Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebald*

*Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma*

*Custodian – Richard Plante*

*Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French*

*Nursery Coordinator – Cathy Slattery*

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