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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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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON  
January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis  
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector – Dr. Chris Allen

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Teach Us, O Lord*  
*Morning Meditation*

D. Paxton  
S. Scott

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

INTROIT – All Praise To You, O Lord

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*All praise to you, O Lord, who by your mighty power  
did manifest your glory forth in Cana's marriage hour.*

*Oh, may this grace be ours, in you always to live and  
drink of those refreshing streams which you alone can give.*

*So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see  
the marriage supper of the Lamb, the great epiphany.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord of life, you who led Moses to the mountaintop,  
and the Israelites to the Promised Land

**Congregation: Without your leading, we have no direction.**

Without your grace, we have no strength.

**Without your faithfulness, we have no hope.**

Without your love, we have no joy.

Even in the midst of life's disappointments and challenges,

**Open our hearts so that we may trust in your promises.**

O God, be in our midst this hour and let the renewing power  
of your Holy Spirit call us to new and glorious living.

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 111** 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 191)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

SERMON: "*He Leadeth me*"

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - He Leadeth Me

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1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought!  
oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:  
He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

(Refrain)

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, what ever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me!

(Refrain)

4. And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

## THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Laudate Dominum*, K. 339

W. A. Mozart

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes  
Laudate eum, omnes populi  
Quoniam confirmata est  
Super nos misericordia eius,  
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.  
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.  
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord, all nations;  
Praise Him, all people.  
For He has bestowed  
His mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,  
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

### \* 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 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of thls hour,  
for the facing of thls hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *A Psalm of Trust*

D. Paxton

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 inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

# Glory be to God the Father

REGENT SQUARE 878787

Descant

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

B $\flat$  /D B $\flat$  /F F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /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 B $\flat$  /F /D B $\flat$  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 Cn/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.

## 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/)

### 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/>



### 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)

## 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 28, 10:30 a.m.      **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, January 29, 10 a.m.-noon      **Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- ~ Tuesday, January 30, 10:00 a.m.- noon      **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, February 1, 3:30-5:00 p.m.      **Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, February 1, 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, 12:00–3:00 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**

### Stewardship Moment

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

Psalms 9:1



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*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*  
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### **Word of the day**

*Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land . . . <sup>4</sup>The LORD said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' <sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. <sup>6</sup>He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day (Deuteronomy 34:1-8).*

### **Prompts for Reflection**

Moses is the great prophet, lawgiver, and sage, but most of all Moses is the servant of Yahweh, who, at the very command of God, bows out before the final scene. His final resting place known to God alone. The wisdom Moses passed onto Joshua and his descendants came at the price of self-denial, emotional and physical hardship, giving his life to God's call, and staying committed when things got unbearable. And so he remains a model of greatness through obedience.



**Nick Athanasiadis**