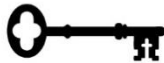




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

January 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.

In Memoriam Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Soloist - Katie Weresch

In Memoriam Leader - Beth Mackay Reilly

Lector - Jim Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

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

PRELUDE *Plainsong Prelude*

T. Tomkins

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come among us God.  
You cast the planets into space  
and cradle the sparrow in her nest.

**Congregation: Come God and meet us here**

Come among us God.  
You bless the poor and the broken  
and stand by the sad and the strong.

**Come God and meet us here**

Come among us God.  
You dance in the silence  
and shine in the darkness.

**Come God and meet us here**

— Ruth Burgess Saying Goodbye

\* HYMN - Shall We Gather at the River

797 (see pg. 7)

OPENING PRAYER

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Living Faith 7.6.1-7.6.5** (page 20)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come un to me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast!'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink and live!'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that lifegiving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright?'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun,  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till traveling days are done.

### IN MEMORIAM

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION: *Adagio in d minor, Part I*

J. Reading

#### INTRODUCTION TO 'IN MEMORIAM'

We remember today those we love who have died.

'IN MEMORIAM' 2024:

*Ralph Cameron, Glen Chambers, Marie Davies, Naseem Din, Logan Droefke, Rudy Droefke,  
Glenn Gibson, Ann Hayes, Garey Keith, Douglas Martin, Patti Matthews, Mona Woodrow*

LIGHTING MEMORIAL CANDLES

## A LITANY OF REEMBRANCE

In the rising of the sun and its going down,

**we will remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter,

**we will remember them.**

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**we will remember them.**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

**we will remember them.**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**we will remember them.**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

**we will remember them.**

When we are weary and in the need of strength

**we will remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart,

**we will remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share,

**we will remember them.**

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now part of us as

**we remember them.**

- Author unknown

## IN MEMORIAM PRAYER:

Tell them, God how much we love them,

How much we miss them.

Tell them we carry their stories in our lives.

Today we rejoice that Jesus was born and that he lived and died and is risen  
and that you are with us, the light of the world.

Today we trust you, Jesus, that there is life after death

And that you will always be with us,

Loving us and leading us home.

Glory be to God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

Amen

- Parts Adapted for Epiphany from Saying Goodbye Ruth Burgess

*Following the Music for Reflection, 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.*

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 29** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 1)

Genesis 1:1-5

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 139)

Acts 19:1-7

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 34)

Mark 1:1-11

SERMON: *Voices*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear;  
it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds  
and drives away our fear.

4. Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end:  
accept the praise I bring.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

5. How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought,  
but when I see thee as thou art  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my neverfailing treasury,  
filled with boundless stores of grace.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath,  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

THE OFFERING

*The night comes on. My weary eyelids close. The time draws near when I must seek repose.  
I kneel to Thee, O Father of us all, And pray that Thou wilt hear my pleading call:  
Hold Thou my hand, dear Lord, Hold Thou my hand.  
I do not ask to see, nor understand.  
Only that Thou will be constantly near to me.  
Holding my hand, dear Lord, Holding Thy hand.*

\* 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 debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors,  
As we forgive our debtors,  
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 – Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

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\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary and Fugue in G*

W. Flackton

*The flowers placed in the chancel today to the glory of God are donated by Myrna and Jim Evel  
in loving memory of their parents and Myrna's brothers and Jim's sisters.*

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!

# Shall we gather at the river

HANSON PLACE 8 7 8 7 with refrain (8 10 9 7)

D A7 A

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
 2. On the bos-om of the riv - er, where the Sav-iour King we own,  
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we eve-ry bur-den down;  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

D A 7 D

with its crys-tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we shall meet, and sor - row nev - er 'neath the glo - ry of the throne.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain G (dim) D A7 D

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er,

G (dim) D A 7 D

gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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JACKSON 8 6 8 6 CM

D /F# D G D/F# Em7 A D Bm A/C# D6 A/E E 7 A

1. Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spir-it on you came,  
 2. God called you the be-lov-ed Son, called you the ser-vant true:  
 3. Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed the call,  
 4. Bap-tize us with your Spir-it, Lord; your cross on us be signed,

A/C# D /C G/B D G Em A D /F# G D/A A 7 D

as peace-ful as a dove, and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
 sent you the king-dom to pro-claim, God's ho-ly will to do.  
 free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that like-wise in God's serv-ice we may per-fect free-dom find.

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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!

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).

### 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/)



### 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

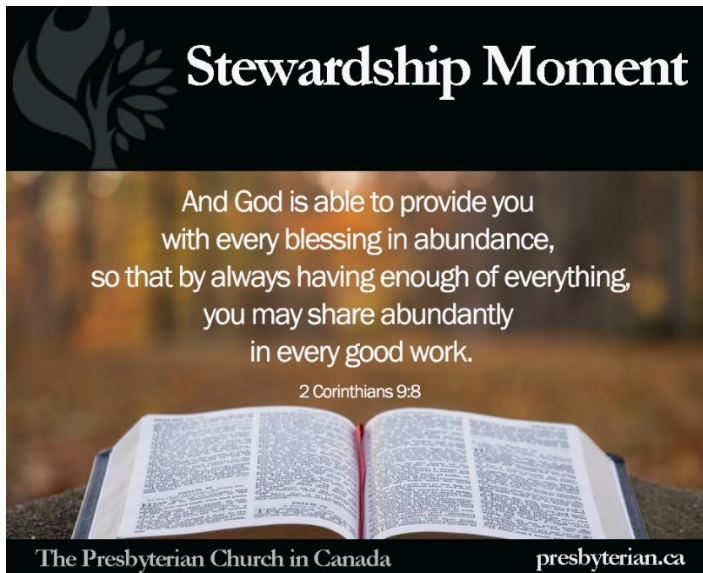
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You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, or send a cheque to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca). 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)

### **Revenues (Other than that provided by Trustees) as of November 30, 2023**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Over (Short)</b>
<b>Congregational Givings</b>	\$ 211,479	\$ 182,444	\$ (29,035)
<b>Other Revenue</b>	70,331	59,796	(10,535)
	<b>\$ 281,810</b>	<b>\$ 242,240</b>	<b>\$ (39,570)</b>

**Note:** There is a shortfall between budgeted and actual revenues and Trustees providing support.



**Stewardship Moment**

And God is able to provide you  
with every blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly  
in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

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## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.                             **In Memoriam Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, January 8, 10 a.m.-noon                     **Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- ~ Tuesday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.- noon             **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Wednesday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.-noon         **Fellowship Gathering** (Guild Room)  
  Guest Speaker from Hamilton Police Services; Topic: Scams
- ~ Thursday, January 11, 3:30-5:00 p.m.             **Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- ~ Thursday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.                   **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, January 14, 3:00 p.m.                     **Chamber Music Concert: Sound Link**

### 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 – 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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