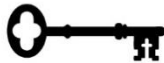




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

February 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

Call the Worship – Rachel Weresch

Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Gloria Gavin

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Sabbath Calm*

G. S. Schuler

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *According To Thy Steadfast Love* - Psalm 51 para., Scottish Psalter 1650

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*According to thy steadfast love have mercy, Lord, on me;
in thy compassion great, blot out all my iniquity.*

*Blot out all my iniquities; thy face hide from my sin;
create in me a clean heart, Lord, a spirit right within.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When our thoughts are scattered and feelings confused
and deeds undisciplined, how gracious of our God
to help us order our lives.

Congregation: We give thanks to God for calling us to discipleship.

When we sense an inner emptiness and meaning seems
missing in action, how gracious of our God to open
the path that leads toward true commitment.

**We give thanks to God for calling us into mission,
into service in the name of Christ.**

When our attention wanders and our spirits lack focus,
how gracious of our God to draw us near.

We give thanks to God for calling us to worship.

We seek to honour God in our gathering and through our serving.

1. O God, thou art my God alone;
early to thee my soul shall cry,
a pilgrim in a land unknown,
a thirsty land whose springs are dry.

2. Yet through this rough and thorny maze
I follow hard on thee, my God;
thy hand unseen up holds my ways;
I safely tread where thou hast trod.

3. Thee in the watches of the night
when I remember on my bed,
thy presence makes the darkness light;
thy guardian wings are round my head.

4. Better than life itself, thy love,
dearer than all beside to me,
for whom have I in heaven above,
or what on earth, compared with thee?

5. Praise with my heart, my mind, my
voice,
for all thy mercy I will give;
my soul shall still in God rejoice;
my tongue shall bless thee while I live.

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 - God, You Touch the Earth With Beauty

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 51:1-12 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

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. 284)

2 Samuel 11: 1-17, 26-27 & 12:1-15

SERMON: *"The Heart Wants What It Wants"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness into thy health,
out of my want and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress to jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love,
out of de spair into raptures above,
upward for aye on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Lord Correct Me*

G. F. Handel, Arr. by H. A. Fricker

O Lord, Correct me, not in thine anger. On me have mercy, Forgive my sins.

In me have mercy, On me have mercy, Forgive my sin.

O Lord, Correct me, not in thine anger. On me have mercy, Forgive my sins.

O wash me thoroughly from mine offences, and from me take not thy Holy Spirit.

O Lord, Correct me, not in thine anger. On me have mercy, Forgive my sins.

* 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 – Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Organ Voluntary in E Minor, Op. 7*

J. Stanley, Ed. by Gordon Phillips

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

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God, you touch the earth with beauty

GLEN BERNARD 8 5 8 5

E♭ Ebdim Eb 7/G Absus4-3 Ab Abm6 Eb

1. God, you touch the earth with beau-ty; make my heart a - new;
 2. Like your springs and run-ning wa - ters, make me crys - tal pure;
 3. Like your danc - ing waves in sun-light, make me glad and free;
 4. Like the arch - ing of the heav-ens, lift my thoughts a - bove;
 5. God, you touch the earth with beau-ty; make my heart a - new;

E♭7/G Absus4-3 Ab Abm6 Eb/B♭Ab/B♭B♭7- 6 Eb

with your Spir - it re - cre - ate me, pure and strong and true.
 like your rocks of tower-ing gran-deur, make me strong and sure.
 like the straight-ness of the pine trees, up-right let me be.
 turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, min - is - tries of love.
 keep me ev - er by your Spir - it pure and strong and true.

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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.

Lent Study 2024

This year, we will be joining the Presbyterians Read Lent Book Study 2024: "A 40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich."

Two study meetings at Central, facilitated by Sara Traficante.

Sunday, March 3 and 17, 9:00am - 10:00am, with coffee and muffins, in the Allan Room.

Email sara@cpchamilton.ca to register or call the church office.

All are invited to join in the online conversation on the Presbyterian Reads Facebook page, facilitated by Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset.

Learn more about the study and link to the Facebook discussion here -

<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>

Please contact Sara or the office if you would like to participate. Hard copies of the book have been sold out. The E-book version is available for purchase through major online retailers.

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/





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

A large graphic with a blue background. On the right is a photograph of the Central Presbyterian Church building, a tall brick structure with a steeple. On the left, there is a circular inset showing a man playing a piano. The text is arranged in the center-left area.

Rental Invitation

WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR BUILDING WITH OUR COMMUNITY, AND WOULD ENJOY WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

VARIOUS ROOMS, THE HALL AND THE SANCTUARY ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES, FAMILY EVENTS, CORPORATE MEETINGS, CONCERTS, OFFICES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GATHERINGS.

Contact Helena for rates and availability.

MORE INFO: [HTTPS://WWW.CPCHAMILTON.CA/HALL-RENTALS/](https://www.cpchamilton.ca/hall-rentals/)

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PRAYER VIGIL

FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION AND PRAYER FOR
THE SUFFERING IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

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FEBRUARY 21

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JOIN THE PEACE VIGIL ONLINE ON YOUTUBE

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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/>

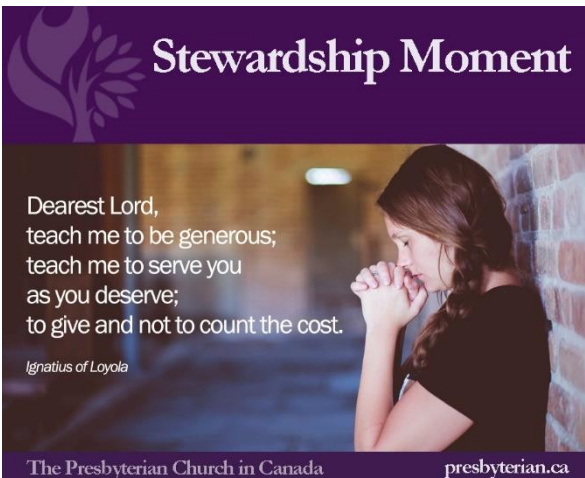
Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Monday, February 19, 10 a.m.-noon
- ~ Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.- noon
- ~ Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

- ~ Thursday, February 22, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, February 25
- ~ Sunday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.
- ~ Sunday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.
- ~ Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, March 17, 9:00 a.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.

- Sunday Worship Service**
- Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- Knit and Knatter Group**
- Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East**
Hosted at First Unitarian Church of Hamilton
(170 Dundurn Street South)
- Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- Choir Practice**
- Lunch & Annual General Meeting**
- Lent Study** (Allan Room)
- Music @ Central: Quartetto Gelato**
- Fellowship Gathering**
- Prime Time online**
- Lent Study** (Allan Room)
- Maundy Thursday Service**
- Good Friday Choir Concert**
- Easter Sunday Worship – Christ is Risen!**

Annual Meeting Lunch, Sunday February 25th. As is our custom, there will be light lunch served before our Annual Meeting. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to indicate if you are able to bring sandwiches, sweets, etc. Thanks you for your help! The Fellowship Team.



Stewardship Moment

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost.

Ignatius of Loyola

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Word of the day

Nathan said to David, 'You are the man!' (2 Samuel 12: 7)

Prompts for Reflection



Hearing the parable of the rich man who takes a poor man's one and only ewe lamb David the King is incensed at the injustice, but just so, he condemns himself. Nathan the prophet declares to his King: "You are the man." Despite the abundance he has been given, David continues to covet and to take. And so, the violence David has enacted on his subjects will now be visited upon his household. But the consequences of David's actions will be borne most directly by the child born to Bathsheba and to him. The child will die, even while David will live.

We may be led to despair; can sin be repented of? atoned for? forgiven? The Desert Fathers and Mothers who were especially attuned to the devastating consequences of sin speak of hope springing eternal so long as there is repentance. In the words of St. Peter of Damaskos (12th century): "Should we fall, we should not despair and so estrange ourselves from the Lord's love," "let us always be ready to make a new start. If you fall, rise up. If you fall again, rise up again."

Nick Athanasiadis