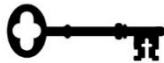




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

February 25, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson

Call the Worship – Ramona Starkey

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Andante Religioso (from Organ Sonata No. 4)*  
"Kyrie" from *Three Pieces G.*

F. Mendelssohn  
G. Nivers

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

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- Words by J. Gertmenian, Music by C. Gall

*Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.*

*The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power,  
embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his rising hour.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come God  
Come walk with your people  
for you alone are our strength and glory  
Congregation: **and we put our trust in you.**

Come God  
Come walk behind us, beside us, before us  
for you alone are our shelter and direction  
**and we put our trust in you.**

Come God  
Come seek and find and put us right  
for you alone are the light in our darkness  
**and we put our trust in you.**

Come God  
We know you are near  
the sound of your footsteps sets us dancing  
**help us to praise and worship you.**

HYMN - Holy, Holy, Holy

299 (see pgs. 5-6)

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 - According to Thy Steadfast Love

33 (see pg. 7)

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 133** 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. 3)

Genesis 4:1-16

SERMON: *"Timshel - Thou Mayest"*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - Fight the Good Fight

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1. Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;  
lay hold on life, and it shall be  
your joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up your eyes and seek God's face;  
the way of life before you lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside; lean on your guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and your trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear, those arms are near,  
and, changing not, still hold you dear;  
hope and believe, and you shall find  
Christ is your all: heart, strength and mind.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Thou, O Jehovah, Abideth Forever, from Four Motets*

A. Copland

*Thou, O Jehovah, abideth forever.*

*God reigneth over all people and nations. His throne doth last and doth guide all the ages.*

*Wherefore wilt Thou forsake us ever? When then wilt Thou forget us never?*

*Thou, O Jehovah, abideth forever, and all the length of our days will ever be our Savior.*

*Thou, O Jehovah, abideth forever, forever.*

\* 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 (sung)

*Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

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**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 – We Praise You, O God

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1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;

through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,

and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,

and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.

Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;

to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

\* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Canzona in D minor*

D. Zipoli

## Holy, holy, holy

Descant

NICAEA 11 12 12 10

4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 D Bm A 7 D G (A9/G) (A9/G) D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 A/C# D A/C# Bm E/B A/C# D A/E E7 A 7

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,  
 though our eyes in sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

## French

- Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;  
 que ton nom soit exalté sur terre et dans les cieux!  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,  
 Pour ton amour, pour tes dons merveilleux!
- Gloire, gloire, gloire, redisent les anges,  
 joignant leurs sublimes voix au chœur mélodieux:  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, des chants, des louanges,  
 partout frémit l'immensité des cieux.

## Mandarin

Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi, quán néng dà zhǔ zǎi!  
 Qīng chén wǒ zhòng gē shēng huān shēng shàng dà tiān tūng.  
 Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi! Cí bēi quán néng zhǔ zǎi!  
 Zàn měi sān yī Shén, Fù, Zī yǔ Shèng Líng!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826), Hymns Written and Adapted, 1827, alt., French translation, H. Arnéra, revised R. Gerald Hobbs, 1996 Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876); descant, C.S. Lang (1891–1971)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A 7 D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D/F# D7/F# G D 7 G Em/G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

3. Gloire, gloire, gloire, victoire, espérance,  
 les saints et les bienheureux proclament tous en chœur:  
 gloire, gloire, gloire, Dieu de toute grâce;  
 de nos péchés tu es libérateur.

4. Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;  
 toute la création chante à notre Rédempteur:  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,  
 au Père, au Fils, au Saint Consolateur.

## According to thy steadfast love

WINDSOR (DUNDEE) 8 6 8 6 CM

1. Ac - cord - ing to thy stead - fast love have mer - cy, Lord, on me; in  
 2. Wash me from sin; com - plete - ly cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty; for  
 3. For thou de - sir - est truth, O Lord, with - in the in - ward part; thy  
 4. Purge me with hys - sop; make me clean and whit - er than the snow; thy  
 5. Blot out all my in - iq - ui - ties; thy face hide from my sin; thy cre -

thy com - pas - sion great, blot out all my in - iq - ui - ty.  
 my trans - gres - sions I con - fess; my sin I ev - er see.  
 wis - dom, Lord, then may I learn; oh teach my se - cret heart.  
 joy and glad - ness let me hear: thy heal - ing let me know.  
 ate in me a clean heart, Lord, a spir - it right with - in.

Words: Psalm 51; paraphrase, Scottish Psalter 1650, alt Music: Este's Psalter 1592

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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).

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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 for more information. The E-book version is available for purchase through major online retailers.



### **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/)

### 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.

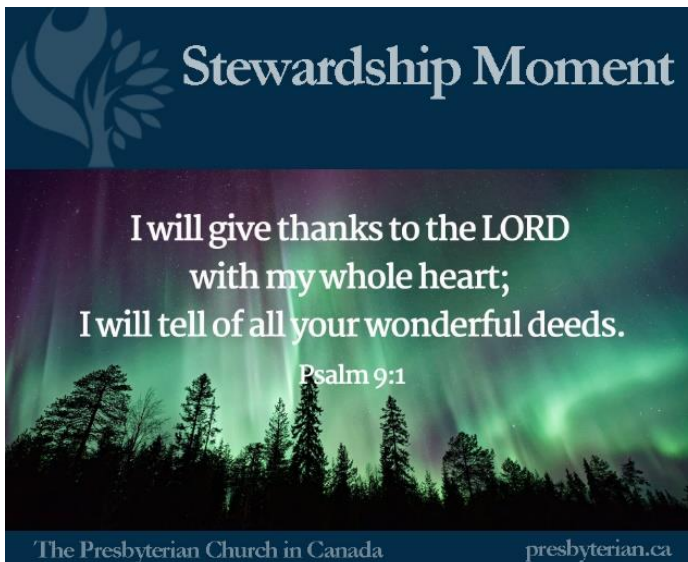
\* Our website has a guide explaining Central Presbyterian Church's Land Acknowledgement

<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, February 25, 10:30 a.m.
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- ~ Monday, February 26, 10 a.m.-noon
- ~ Tuesday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.- noon
- ~ Thursday, February 29, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, February 29, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ 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.
- ~ Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.
- ~ Saturday, May 4

**Sunday Worship Service**  
**Lunch & Annual General Meeting**  
**Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**  
**Knit and Knatter Group**  
**Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**  
**Choir Practice**  
**Lent Study (Allan Room)**  
**Music @ Central: Quartetto Gelato**  
**Fellowship Gathering**  
**Prime Time online**  
**Lent Study (Allan Room)**  
**Central's Book Club**  
**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**Good Friday Choir Concert**  
**Easter Sunday Worship – Christ is Risen!**  
**Rev. Cap. Zimmerman, Guest Preacher & Lunch**  
**The Knitting Pilgrim**  
**Music @ Central: Charlton String Quartet**  
**Spring Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)**



Please mark your calendars!! We will be hosting a **Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 4**, in the church hall.

But first, we need your help! We will be accepting donations of the following items:

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| -jewelry and accessories   | -sporting goods                     |
| -cookbooks                 | -lamps and small furniture items    |
| -children's toys           | -picture frames, artwork, and decor |
| -board games               | -kitchen items and housewares       |
| -small appliances or tools |                                     |



We will **not** be accepting clothing, books other than cookbooks, or large furniture items, such as beds or couches. All donations will be accepted at the church the week of April 29 - please watch for further details closer to the date.

All proceeds will be directed into our church budget. Thank you for your support in this ministry!

*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 Frebold*

*Office Administrator – Helena Bootsma*

*Custodian – Richard Plante*

*Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French*

*Nursery Coordinator – Cathy Slattery*

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**Word of the day**

*If you are doing what is good, shouldn't you hold your head high? And if you don't do what is good, sin is crouching at the door — it wants you, but you can rule over it.” (Genesis 4.7) (CJB Complete Jewish Bible)*

**Prompts for Reflection**



In this 1944 painting by the German-born artist Georg Grosz, Cain sits exhausted, dejected, and anxious as to what will happen next. Though it is hard to make out in grey-scale, or even in the dark coloured original, his brother, Abel, lies at his right, while his blood has already formed into a jumble of skeletons surging at Cain's feet. Grosz's painting, titled *Cain, or Hitler in Hell*, is a commentary on the aftermath of willed destruction laying waste people and land, a sad commentary too often replayed in our history as well as today's headlines.

**Nick Athanasiadis**