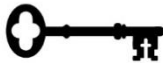




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service and Search Committee Commissioning

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Moderator – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Pam Carpenter

Greeters – Alex Prince & Cathy Keith

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

Children are welcome to attend a program for children SK – Grade 8 in the upstairs Faith Finders room.

Children will leave during the 2nd hymn and will return to the sanctuary prior to the Search Committee Commissioning. Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.

PRELUDE *Adagio in G Major*

R. Lau

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Glory Be To The Father* (594)

H. W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The church is Christ together with his people.
The church lives to praise God.

**Congregation: We have no higher calling than to offer the worship
that belongs to God, day by day, Sunday by Sunday.**

* HYMN – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All with in that holy city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pour perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy faithful loving kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

4. Here bestow on all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

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

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 71)

Luke 10:1-6

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 34)

Matthew 28:16-20

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 116)

John 21:15-19

SERMON: **Mission and Commission**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

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1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page;
our forebears knew your goodness,
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
to share the great King's feast,
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

3. And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored:
we will maintain, unflinching,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

4. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won,
and then by earth and heaven
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace*

S. S. Wesley

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to thee, are both alike.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for evermore.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.*

* 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.***

COMMISSIONING THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Hear what Living Faith says about Christ's ministry done in the world through us:

The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As his body on earth we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our King and Head.

Through the church God orders this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Living Faith 7.2.1 & 7.2.2

*The members of the search committee are invited to come forward.
(Marilyn Craven, Hubert de Bruin, Sue Dunlop, Kristel Forcier, Sharon Lee,
Beth Mackay Reilly, Adele Pierre, Emma Reilly Mackay, Jeremy Sandor, Mark Stupple,
Lize-Mari Swanepoel, Sara Traficante, and Chidinma Umezie)*

VOWS

Questions to the Search Committee: You've been chosen from within this congregation and affirmed by the Session; and you've agreed to jointly discern God's will regarding who might serve Central, as its new Teaching Elder and Minister of Word and Sacraments.

Do you accept this responsibility?

Answer: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: Do you promise in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ to be open to the leading of God's Holy Spirit; and to make faithful use of wisdom, insight, research, courage and prayer?

Answer: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: May God bless you as you undertake this important work.

Question to the Congregation: These people have been chosen from within this congregation and affirmed by the Session as your representatives in the search for a new minister of Word and Sacrament here at Central. Do you promise to support them in prayer, word and deed as they seek to fulfill the holy task they have committed to?

Answer: We do, God being our helper.

Leader: God bless you all in this time of transition.

CHARGE

To the Search Committee: Marilyn, Hubert, Sue, Kristel, Sharon, Beth, Adele, Emma (in absentia), Jeremy, Mark, Lize-Mari, Sara, and Chidinma, you are charged with searching for that special someone who will be called by God to the role of Minister of Word and Sacrament here at Central Presbyterian Church.

As you engage in this holy task...listen well to the input of this faith community; listen well to the needs and concerns of our neighbourhood; listen well to each other; listen well to those you interview; and listen well to God's Word and Spirit.

Now, go and do your work knowing that you go with the prayers and support of this community of faith.

To the Congregation: We anticipate there'll be ups and downs in this holy task - and we don't know how long it will take. So you, the people of this congregation, are charged with being patient - with the Search team and with the process; supporting and encouraging them as they fulfill their duties; but most of all, you're charged with trusting in the leading of God's Holy Spirit, as together, we search for that special person God has in mind to lead this faith community into the future.

CLOSING PRAYER (composed by the Search Committee)

The members of the search committee return to their places.

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.

2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope we are pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. We now on earth have union
with God the ThreeinOne,
and share, through faith, communion
with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ, The Sure Foundation*

T. Birchwood

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.

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!

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).

Greeter List: If you would like to be a Greeter on Sunday mornings and welcome those attending worship, please let Helena know this week to be included to our next schedule.

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the 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.

Prayer Shawls: If you are interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl speak to Rev. Lois Whitwell. We have three shawl kits prepared. The kit includes instructions and wool.

Status of the Search for our New Minister: The Search Committee is currently collating all the information from the recent Congregational Self-Analysis forms, and collecting relevant community data for the creation of Central's Congregational Profile. That document will then be distributed to potential candidates. Please pray for the committee members as they continue to engage in this holy task on behalf of the congregation. During the Search process, if you have any questions or concerns please contact Philip - our Interim Moderator - either in-person at coffee-time following the Sunday services; by phone @ 905-574-4383; or by email at revpmw@outlook.com.

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.



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

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/

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 the above Land Acknowledgement

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

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Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Coordinator of Discipleship – Sara Traficante

Bookkeeper – Michelle Frebold

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Sunday & Special Event Custodian – Geoff French

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Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Tuesday, April 30, 10:00 a.m.- noon **& Search Committee Commissioning**
- ~ Monday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Wednesday, May 1, 1:00 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. **Prime Time online**
- ~ Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Saturday, May 4 **Doors Open Hamilton (Sanctuary)**
- ~ Sunday, May 5 **Spring Rummage & Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)**
- ~ Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. **Doors Open Hamilton**
- ~ Friday, May 10, 5:30 p.m. **Fellowship Gathering**
- ~ Sunday, May 12, 3:00 p.m. **BBQ Night**
- ~ Sunday, May 26 after worship **Music @ Central: Songs My Mother Taught Me**
- ~ Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. **Lemonade on the Lawn with special focus on native plants in the gardens at Central. Faith Finders will add plantings to the Heart Garden.**
- ~ Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. **Intergenerational Worship Service**

We are hosting a **Spring Rummage & Bake Sale** on **Saturday, May 4**, in the church hall.

We will be accepting donations this week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday during office hours (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

- 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.

BAKE SALE: *If you would like to donate items for the bake sale, please drop off items Friday afternoon or Saturday morning between 8-9 a.m. Please have items wrapped and/or packaged in small quantities (eg. 6 cookies). Please clearly label and list if items contain NUTS (eg. Chocolate Chip Cookies, Gluten-Free Brownies).*

Stewardship Moment



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

-1 Peter 4:10

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All proceeds will be for Central's operating budget. Thank you for your support in this ministry!

Word of the Day:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' (Matt. 28: 19-20).

Prompts for Reflection**Prayer (composed by the Search Committee of Central)**

Wise and Loving God,

You know all things good for us, and your Holy Spirit leads us in your way. Guide us to the minister that you have prepared to come and serve your people here at Central. Fill us with vision, with energy, and openness as we seek the person you've chosen for us.

We thank you for all those in our midst that you move to lead, contribute to, or enrich the ministries at Central. We thank you for the plans you have for our church community - both known and unknown to us.

Throughout this season of uncertainty and change, give us mutual love for each other, patience in the work that lies ahead, and wisdom to discern. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit here to move in us and through us, so that we may hear the voice of the person best suited for Central.

Prepare us to receive our new minister with joy and enthusiasm -- and may our new minister serve us with equal joy. May their ministry mark a new chapter in Central's story: a chapter of continued vibrancy, of growth, and of renewal in service of the Triune God. Amen

