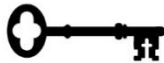




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 26, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jim Evel

Greeters – Abbie Boyko & Nancy Rundle

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Largo in B-flat Major*

L. Bottazzo

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *O God, Whose Fire Lit The Stars*

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*O God, whose fire lit the stars and set them in their course:
you are life's origin and end, the vast creation's source.
Come, touch us who were formed from dust and set our hearts ablaze
that life and breath may rise to you, a sacrifice of praise.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,
Congregation: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
Let us worship God.

(Ephesians 4:4-6)

* HYMN – Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.**

*Please share a word or sign of the Peace of Christ with those around you as you are comfortable.
In doing so, please be mindful of the preference of others in how you offer or receive this sign
(smile, handshake, fist bump, nod or elbow tap). **May the peace of Christ be with you!***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN – Father, I Adore You

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29 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 garden this Sunday. 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. 109)

John 14:15-31

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 186)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

SERMON: **God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Thou Whose Almighty Word

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1. Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
Let There Be Light!

2. Saviour who came to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
Let There Be Light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
Let There Be Light!

4. Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
Let There Be Light!

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Lord Most Holy*

C. Franck, Ed. by A. H. Ryder

*O Lord most holy, O lord most mighty, O loving Father,
Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.*

*Rule Thou our wilful hearts, Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts;
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; Hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, So shall we live, and sing praise to 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.*

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 – Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

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* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Holy King*

R. E. Schram, Tune: Ticaea

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!

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.

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

Father, I adore you

FATHER, I ADORE YOU 674

Unison

F Gm/Bb C F Gm C F Gm C F

1. Fa-ther, I a-dore you, lay my life be-fore you. How I love you.
 1. Pè-re, je t'a-do-re, je te donne ma vi-e. Comme je t'ai-me.

2. Jesus, I adore you...
 2. Jésus, je t'adore...

3. Spirit, I adore you...
 3. Esprit, je t'adore...

Sing your praise to God eternal

ARFON (MAJOR) 8 7 8 7 D

G/B Am6 G /F# C/E G D Em C D G

1. Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,
 2. Join the praise of eve - ry crea - ture; sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;
 3. Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;

G Em D /C G/B D7/A G /B D7/F# G Am6 G/B C D7 G

sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.
 when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear the heav - en - ly an - ti - phon.
 praise God in our times of sad - ness, for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.

D/F# G /B Am G/B Cmaj7 D G/B D7/A G D/F# C/E Em7 Am D

God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true;
 Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glo - ries, win - ter snows,
 God our Mak - er, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,

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G /F# Em G /F# Am/E Bm/D Em D7/F# G D7 Em Am D G

God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.
 for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.
 liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!

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).

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.

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/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, May 26 after worship **Lemonade on the Lawn** with special focus on native plants in the gardens at Central. Faith Finders will add plantings to the Heart Garden.
- ~ Monday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. **Search Committee Meeting**
- ~ Tuesday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.- noon **Knit and Knatter Group**
- ~ Thursday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. **Intergenerational Worship Service**
- ~ Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26 **Vacation Bible Camp at Chedoke Presbyterian Church**

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.

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit 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.



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

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/>



Stewardship Moment



It is only with gratitude
that life
becomes
rich!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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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

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Word of the Day:

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (John 14:18-20)

Prompts for Reflection**I it am**

As verily as God is our Father, so verily God is our Mother; and that shewed He in all [her revelations] and especially in these sweet words where He saith: I it am. That is to say, I it am, the Might and the Goodness of the Fatherhood; I it am, the Wisdom of the Motherhood; I it am, the Light and the Grace that is all blessed Love; I it am, the Trinity, I it am, the Unity: I am the sovereign Goodness of all manner of things. I am that maketh thee to love: I am that maketh thee to long: I it am, the endless fulfilling of all true desires.

-Julian of Norwich 1342-c.1416 (early twentieth century translation)