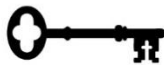




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.

## Thanksgiving Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jim Evel

Greeters – Tracy Woodrow & Nancy Rundle

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

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

PRELUDE *Pastorale in D Major*

L. C. D'Aquin

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – To Bless The Earth

806 vs. 1 & 4

*1. To bless the earth God sends us  
from heaven's abundant store  
the waters of the springtime,  
enriching it once more.*

*4. With grain the fields are covered;  
the flocks in pastures graze;  
all nature joins in singing  
a joyful song of praise.*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With every breath  
We remember that life is a gift,  
And we give thanks.

**Congregation: With every step  
We know the wonder of walking on the earth,  
And we give thanks.**

With every word  
We affirm God's transforming love for each of us,  
And we give thanks.

**Holy Beloved, through you all things are made new.  
Creation is full of your glory. All praise be yours! Amen.**

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come, to God's own temple, come:  
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto God's praise to yield;  
wheat and weeds together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offences purge away,  
give the angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in God's storehouse evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home:  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels, come:  
raise the glorious harvest home.

## 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 – For The Fruits Of All Creation

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 126** 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. 77)

**Luke 14:15-24**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 197)

**Philippians 2:1-11**

**SERMON: Holding Nothing Back**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

\* HYMN – Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom God's world rejoices,  
who from our mother's arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with everjoyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
the Father and the Son  
and Spirit now be given,  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
for thus it was, is now  
and shall be evermore.

**THE OFFERING**

**CHORAL OFFERTORY** *Look At The World*

**J. Rutter**

*Look at the world, everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, So many miracles along our way.*

*Refrain:*

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.*

*Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain: Refrain*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season, Till it is gathered to the Father's fold: Refrain*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish, Comes from the Lord in token of his love;  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heavens above: Retrain*

\* 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 – To God Be The Glory

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\* BENDICTION

POSTLUDE *Day of Abundance*

G. Vollerthun

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](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). We extend condolences to friends and family on the passing of Gayle Harrison. Gayle, a member of Central, who had been living at Shalom Village for the past couple of years passed away on August 31, 2024.

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the 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).

## For the fruits of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS 12 12 8 8 12

F /A B♭ F/A Gm /B♭ C Am B♭sus2-1 C6 7 F



1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to eve - ry na - tion,
2. In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neigh-bour,
3. For the har-vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all in - her - it,



B♭/DF B♭/D F/A B♭ Cm B♭/D Dm Gm F/A B♭6 Dm Gmsus9/B♭ F/C C



for the plough-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
in our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun - gry and des-pair-ing,  
for the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



F/A B♭ F Gm /B♭ C Am B♭sus2-1 C6 7 F



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



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# To God be the glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11 11 11 with refrain

G /B D 7 G /B D G

1. To God be the glo - ry, who great things has done!  
 2. Oh per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
 3. Great things God has taught us, great things God has done

C G (/B) A9 (/C#) D

God so loved the world!—free - ly send - ing the Son,  
 to eve - ry be - liev - er the pro - mise of God,  
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
 that when the of - fen - der, re - pent - ing, be - lieves,  
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

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7 Csus2 C6 G D G/D D7 G

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 through Je - sus' a - tone - ment, full par - don re - ceives!  
 our won - der, our glad - ness, when Je - sus we see!

Refrain G G/B D7/A G D

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice!

D G/B D7/A G

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

D7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

Oh come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

G7 Csus2 C6 G/D D G/D D7 G

and give God the glo - ry, who great things has done.



Following the service on Sunday, October 20th, there will be light lunch served so all can stay and listen to the presentation on Stewardship. We are looking for donations for the lunch.

If you are able to assist, please sign the sheet posted in the hall, which details what we are planning to serve.

Thank you for your help!



### **FALL FESTIVAL**

**DATE:** Friday, October 25, 2024

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Fellowship Hall (gym)

Central's **Fall Festival** is a fun event for the whole congregation. Dinner, music, pumpkin carving. All are welcome!

Please bring your own pumpkin to carve. We will have extra pumpkins for those who need them.

Casserole dinner will be served, with potluck salads and dessert. Potluck sign-up sheet will be posted in the fellowship hall.



### **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, to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca) or send a cheque.

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.

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m.  
~ Tuesday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. – Noon  
~ Wednesday, October 16, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
~ Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.  
~ Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.

~ Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.  
~ Friday, October 25, 5:30-8:00 p.m.  
~ Sunday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.  
~ Friday, November 1, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
~ Sunday, November 3, 3:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Worship Service**  
**Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)

**Durand Market**

**Choir Practice**

**Stewardship Theme Sunday**

- PCC Speaker Karen Plater
- Lunch and Talk after service

**Search Committee Meeting**

**Fall Festival**

**Gospel of Mark Study Week 1** (Allan Room)

**Book Club** (Allan Room)

**Central Youth**

**Music@Central: Kodak Quartet Chamber Concert**

### **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/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/)



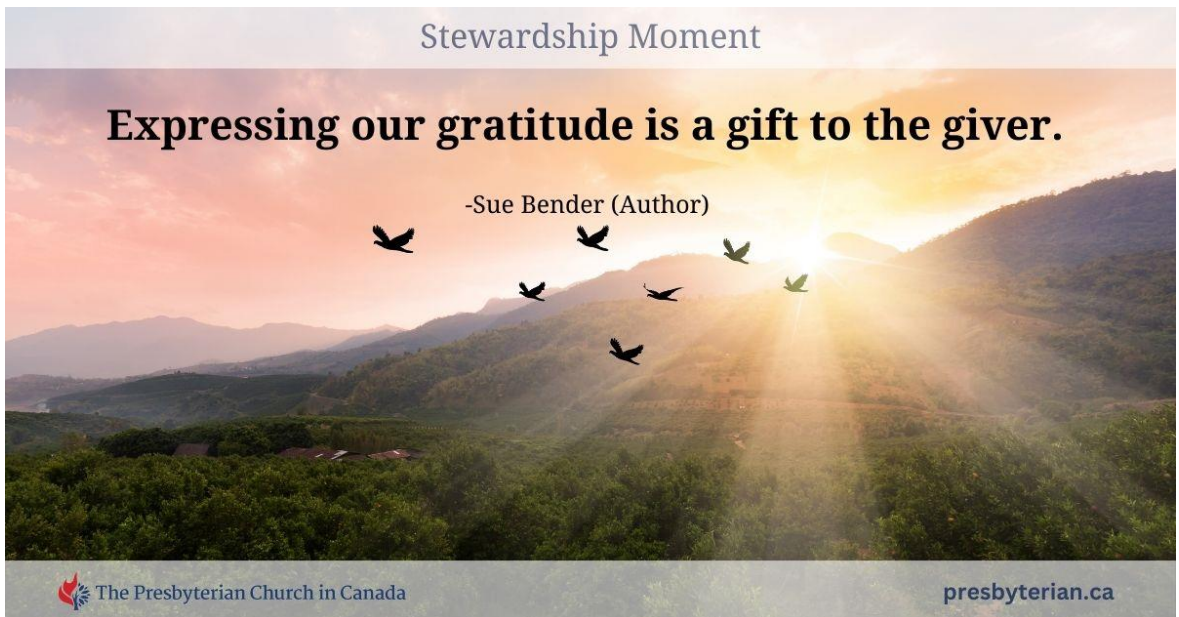
**Status of the search for our new minister:** The congregational profile has now been forwarded to the Church Vocations Office at 50 Wynford Drive in Toronto (the PCC Head Office) for distribution to potential candidates. It is also now available for all to see on the church website. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would lead us to that special someone God has in mind to lead the congregation into the future.

During the search process, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson (our Interim Moderator) either in-person at coffee time following Sunday services; by phone at 905-574-4383; or by email at [revpmw@outlook.com](mailto:revpmw@outlook.com).

### **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/>



## A Deeper Dive into Mark's Gospel

You are invited to a group study of *the gospel of Mark*,  
led by Dr. Nick Athanasiadis.

5-part study: Sundays 9 - 10 A.M.

October 27 November 3/10/17/24



Register using the link in our Weekly Email, or contact the office  
([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) 905-522-9098 ext. 0)

As commentary we will be using **Mark for Everyone by Tom Wright**

Books are available through the office for a suggested price of \$22. If you order a book, you may connect with Shirley Fredlander on Sundays starting October 5.



In a different context from Sunday worship, this is your opportunity to experience Christian spirituality through guided reading, reflection and learning.

### **Some Goals:**

- insight into the person of Jesus—who was he? What was he about?
- Insight into who disciples are. What is meant by discipleship, what is the Christian journey which we are on at different stages?
- enjoying fellowship with others who are on this journey with us
- risk personal transformation by tapping into the deepest spiritual sources which usher us into joy, peace, energy and desire to be part of the redemption of our world.

### **Word of the Day:**

*'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." (Luke 14: 16-17)*

### **Prompts for Reflection**

In the parable of the Great Banquet, the invited guests have good excuses. What they miss, however, is that the One inviting them is the author of eternal life. The guests who do come instead, are the neediest of the needy, ones who are truly hungry and thirsty, they neither have excuses nor offer them. What they taste in this great banquet is offered by a host who holds nothing back.



**-Nick Athanasiadis**

*Interim Minister – The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis*

*Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson*

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