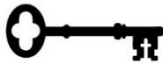




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 11, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jim Evel

Greeters – Jim & Myrna Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Sovereign Lord, as we prepare to come together in corporate worship, I ask that you breathe your Holy Spirit upon me – and upon all gathered here, so that we might be inspired to praise you with joyful hearts and then continue to glorify you through our acts of service to each other – and to this world that you love so dearly. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Adagio in a Baroque Style*

R. Lau

INTROIT *Salvation and Immortal Praise* - J. Clarke, Harmony by H. Monk

629

*Salvation and immortal praise unto our God we sing!
Let heaven and earth and rocks and seas with glad hosannas ring.*

*To Father, Son, and Spirit blest, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is and shall be evermore.*

THE PEACE: May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in this place to worship and glorify the Lord our God.

People: **We're also gathered to give God thanks, to call upon God's name and to discover God present and at work in each of our lives.**

Leader: May all gathered here this day boldly praise God's holy name and also be open and receptive to God's leading in our lives!

People: **We praise the Lord – the one and only living God; and we humbly open our lives to God's leading.**

Leader: Let us now worship the Lord our God! and let us begin in joyful song...

* HYMN – Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord Our Song

412 (see pg. 5)

OPENING PRAYER (including 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**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Blest Are The Pure In Heart*

R. S. Eaton

Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heav'ns, Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with all, Their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul, He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne, Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord we thy presence seek; May ours the blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for 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*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK – Grade 8 will be available
in the downstairs HUB area. Parents can meet the children there following worship.
Staffed Nursery is available for our young ones up to age 4 throughout the entire service.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN – Seek Ye First 625 (see pg. 6)

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 46** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 20) Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON: FOLLOWING 201 (Part 2 of 3)

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace 740 (see pg. 7-8)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'Thine Be The Glory'* D. Lasky
Tune: "Revive Us Again" by W. P. Mackay

If you're new here, we rejoice that you've been led to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" with us today. Together, we are God's people. You need to know upfront though that none of us who gather here are perfect - and we don't always get it right, but we're doing our best to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. You're welcome to join us: there's a place for you here.

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

FORNEY 9889

C C/B Am G6 F G

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song;
 2. O thirs-ty soul, come drink at the well;
 3. You dwell a - mong us and cause us to pray, and
 4. Des-erts shall bloom and moun - tains shall sing

Em Am Am/G F G

we have stood si - lent - ly too long;
 God's liv - ing wa - ters will nev - er fail;
 walk with each oth - er fol - lowing your way;
 to the de - sire of all liv - ing things.

C C/B Am G6 Fmaj7 G

sure - ly the Lord de - serves our praise, so
 Sure - ly the Lord will help you to stand,
 our prec - ious bro - thers and sis - ters will grow
 Come, all you crea - tures, high and low;

Dm G Am Em F G C

joy - ful - ly thank God for our days.
 strength - ened and com - for - ted by God's hand.
 in the ful - fill - ing love they know.
 let your prais - es end - less - ly flow.

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Seek ye first

SEEK YE FIRST Irregular

D F#m G D G D Asus4-3

1. Seek ye first the king-dom of God and his right-eous-ness,
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you; seek and ye shall find;
 3. We do not live by bread a-lone, but by eve-ry word

D F#m G D G D Asus4-3 D

and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
 that pro-ceeds from the mouth of God.

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Make me a channel of your peace

MAKE ME A CHANNEL 8 10 10 8

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Make me a chan-nel of your peace:

1. where there is ha-tred,
2. where there's des-pair in
4. it is in par-don-

Make me a chan-nel of your peace:

A7

let me bring your love; where there is in-jur-y, your heal-ing
life let me bring hope; where there is dark-ness, on-ly
ing that we are par-doned, in giv-ing to all that we re-

where there is ha-tred let me bring your love, your heal-ing
where there's des-pair in life let me bring hope; on-ly
it is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, that we re-

D A7 D

Fine

power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
light, and where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
ceive, and in dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

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3. O Spir-it, grant that I may nev-er seek so much to be con -

soled as to con - sole, to be un-der-stood as to un-der -

stand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

D.C. al Fine

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/

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. | Service of Worship |
| ~ Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. – Noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, May 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m. | Final HOOTC BBQ for 2025 (Outside Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| ~ Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Sunday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. | Presbyterian Church of Canada
General Assembly Opening Worship Service
hosted at Central |

**Thank you to everyone who donated to the A/C Appeal.
We have now have sufficient funds to move ahead with the project,
and we look for it to be completed within the next few weeks.**

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 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. 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.



Parking Note: There are new owners for the building that we share our alleyway with; this building is being converted to apartments, and going forward we do not have access to the parking spots on the south side of the alleyway.

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.

A.A. Milne



Status of the search for our new minister:

We have now entered an important phase of the search process as the Search Committee considers potential candidates for our new minister. Please pray for the members of the committee - that they might be wise and discerning as God's Holy Spirit leads them to that special person 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.

Please continue to pray along with the Search Committee during the search process.

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

The Search Committee prayer can be found on our website: [Search Committee Prayer - CPC Hamilton](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/) : www.cpchamilton.ca/search-committee-prayer/

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/>



Praise the Lord

Word of the Day:

‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

- Matthew 18:21-22

***As you leave this place today,
you’re reminded that no matter who you are,
or what your past may be,
you are a beloved child of the Living God.***

***As you now live your life from day to day,
don’t forget who – and whose, you are;
so that you may indeed be light and salt to this world
in the name of Jesus the Christ.***

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Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Nursery and Faith Finders Coordinator – Kristel Forcier
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Custodian – David Lewington
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