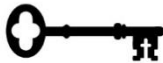




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 4, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson

Greeters – Cathy Keith & Alex Prince

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Loving God, as I prepare to join with this community of faith to worship and praise you, enable me set aside all distractions so that I might focus my entire being on you. And then, after the worship service is over, let me continue to glorify you through all the actions I engage in from day to day.

This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary in F Major*

W. Hine

INTROIT *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

367 (v. 1 & 5)

*Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.*

*Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now
and through eternity.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, people of God.

People: We worship the Lord with gladness; and come before God with joyful songs.

Leader: Our God is an awesome God. God made each of us; and each of us belongs to God.

People: Recognizing our Creator present in this place, we offer the Lord our worship and our praise.

Leader: Let us then come together in body, mind and spirit to worship the Lord our God; and let us begin in joyful song...

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 *Love Divine*

B. Marcello

Emma Reilly-McKay and Katie Weresch, soloists

*Love Divine! All love excelling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesu! Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Come, Almighty, come to deliver, Let us all Thy grace receive;
Hasten to return, and never, Nevermore Thy temple leave.*

*Thee would we be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Love Divine! All love excelling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Love Divine! O Love Divine!*

* 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 – Spirit Of The Living God

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SCRIPTURE READING (p. 115)

John 21:1-25

SERMON: FOLLOWING 101 (Part 1 of 3)

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*

J. Hatton, Arr. by A. L. Page, Tune: Duke Street

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.

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/

Joyful, joyful we adore you

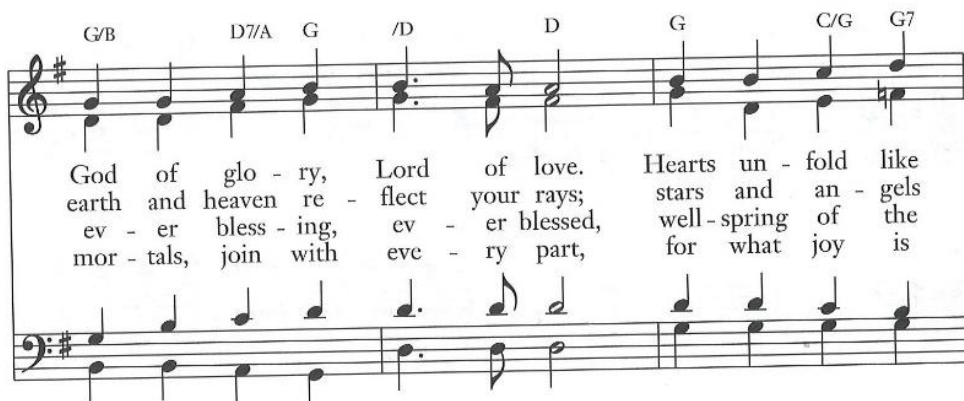
HYMN TO JOY 8 7 8 7 D

G sus2 /D D7 G/D D/C



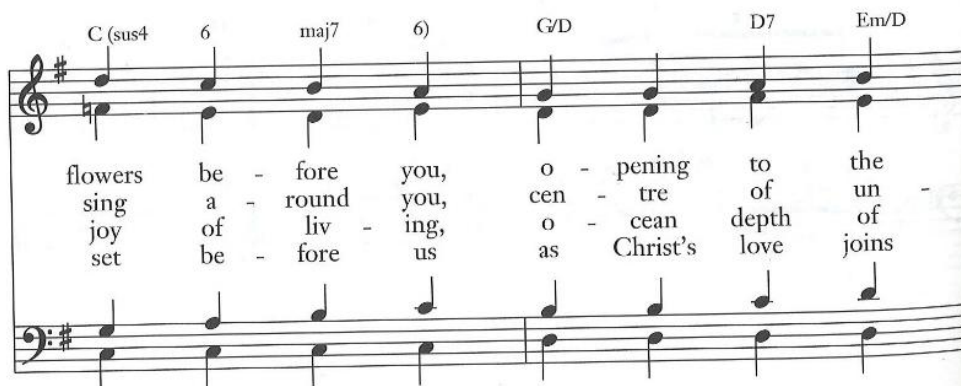
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you;
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you;
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing;
 4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - rus;

G/B D7/A G /D D G C/G G7



God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like
 earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels
 ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the
 mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

C (sus4 6 maj7 6) G/D D7 Em/D



flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the
 sing a - round you, cen - tre of the
 joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of
 set be - fore us as Christ's love joins

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D
 sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7
 drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G
 mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.
 leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Spirit of the living God

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD 12 12 8 12

F C F B \flat F C F F/A

1. Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Spir - it of the
2. Spir - it of the liv-ing God, move a-mong us all; make us one in

C7/G F B \flat Gm F/C C F B \flat F G G 7

liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mould me, fill me,
heart and mind; make us one in love: hum-ble, car - ing, self-less,

C C7 F C F B \flat F/C C7 F

use me. Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me!
shar - ing. Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fill our lives with love!

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Forgive our sins as we forgive

BANGOR 8 6 8 6 CM

G Cm G7/D Cm /Bb Ab Fm Cm G7/B
 1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," you
 2. How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

Cm Gm/Bb Cm D7 G /F Cm/Eb G7/D Cm Eb/G
 taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart, that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew: what triv - ial debts are
 bid^a re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in

Ab Bb Eb (/D) Cm (/Bb) Abmaj7 Cm/G G7 Cm
 grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

See also: Bangor 6 232

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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

- ~ Sunday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. **Service of Worship**
- ~ Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, May 8, 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Fourth HOOTC BBQ for 2025** (Outside Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. **Choir Practice**
- ~ Sunday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. **Presbyterian Church of Canada
General Assembly Opening Worship Service
hosted at Central**

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.

A/C Appeal Update – We are over halfway there:

We need A/C units in the nursery, two offices and a meeting room on the main floor.

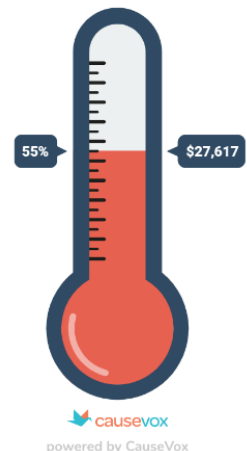
This is because we have reconfigured our space to welcome new tenants. The income we now receive enables us to offer sacred space for worship, a safe gathering place for the community, and of course, concert space for Music@Central, along with music space for choirs and concerts in the city of Hamilton.

You are welcome to make your donation online, by cheque, or even in the offering plate marked **A/C appeal**.

Donations of **\$27,617.00** have been received towards the A/C appeal.

We will keep you updated as we progress toward our goal of **\$50,000!**

GOAL: \$50,000



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.

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/>

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**Gratitude is
the memory
of the heart.**

French proverb





Word of the Day:
**See what love the
Father has given us,
that we should be
called children of God;
and that is what we are.
- I John 3:1a**

***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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