



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

September 14, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Greeters – Abbie Boyko & Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, it's been a busy week; in many ways it's been a tough week too. Lord, in our time of worship this morning, let me drink deeply from the cool waters of your presence and your love. Refresh my battered spirit, soothe my weary soul and strengthen me so that I might boldly face all that the world will bring my way in the coming week. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

PRELUDE *Eternity, Thou Word of Joy*

J. Schop

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *The Storm Is Strong; We Face The Wind*

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*The storm is strong; we face the wind. The water rises; waves crash in.
Where are we now? Where will we be? There is no mercy on this sea.*

*But you, Christ, you are with us here. We turn to you in all our fear.
The single word you say is "peace," and wind and waves and storm all cease.*

*Who can you be? What power you say that even winds and sea obey?
Remove our fear of death and harm. Give us your faith and still our storm.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My friends, right here, right now, God is in this place.

I therefore invite each of you to recognize this and respond to the Lord with the praise of our lips and the service of our lives.

People: Holy Lord, during this time of worship, enable each of us to lay aside our normal cares and concerns for a while.

Heavenly Father, embrace us and draw us close to your heart.

Inspire each of us, so that we might be enthusiastic in our worship this morning, and encouraged to live our daily lives according to your will.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND 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

DECOMMISSIONING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The members of the search committee are invited to the front.

*1. Tell me the old, old story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
Tell me the story simply,
as to a little child,
for I am weak and weary,
and helpless and defiled.*

*Refrain:
Tell me the old, old story;
tell me the old, old story;
tell me the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

*2. Tell me the story slowly,
that I may take it in,
that wonderful redemption,
God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often,
for I forget so soon;
the early dew of morning
has passed away at noon.
(Refrain)*

*3. Tell me the story softly,
with earnest tones and grave;
remember I'm the sinner
whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always,
if you would really be,
in any time of trouble,
a comforter to me.
(Refrain)*

*4. Tell me the same old story,
when you have cause to fear
that this world's empty glory
is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory
is dawning on my soul,
tell me the old, old story:
Christ Jesus makes thee whole.
(Refrain)*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with the Children, a program for children SK-Grade 8 is available in the downstairs HUB area. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn. Children's bulletins and colouring sheets are available on the table in the Narthex entryway. We offer a staffed nursery throughout the service for our young ones up to age 4.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41 (pg. 39)

SERMON: **GOD, DON'T YOU CARE?**

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Grant Us Thy Peace*

F. Mendelssohn

*Grant us Thy peace, almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, All things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost!*

DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - Lord, The Light Of Your Love Is Shining

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Three Settings of "Ein' Feste Burg"* B. Logan - quoting the harm. by H. L. Hassler

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.

Fellowship Time after Worship: The refreshments today are provided by Abbie and Grant Boyko to honour the memory of Bruce Boyko, on what would have been Abbie and Bruce's 40th Wedding Anniversary. Bruce passed away on December 24th, 2021 and is remembered with love.

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,

315 A mighty fortress is our God

EIN' FESTE BURG 878766667

C /E F G Am D G Am Em F G Am/C

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a ref - uge nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with e - vil filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers—no thanks to them!—a -

Dm G7 C /E F G Am D G Am Em F

fail - ing, our help - er sure a - mid the flood of mor - tal
 los - ing, were not a Sav - iour on our side, the One of
 do us, we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to
 bid - ing, en - sures that all God's gifts are ours, through Christ in

G Am Dm G7 C Em D G/B D G C/E

ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe yet
 God's own choos - ing. Who is this Sav - iour, who? Christ
 tri - umph through us: the powers of death and hell our
 us re - sid - ing, whose sum - mons rings a - bove all

See also: Ein' Feste Burg 316

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C /E F Dm6 C Em Am 6 G/B Am/C D G F

seeks to work us woe with craft and pow - er great and,
 Je - sus, liv - ing, true. Lord Sab - ba - oth by name, from
 God will sure - ly quell: their rage we can en - dure, for
 goods, all earth - ly love. Earth's pow - ers waste a - way; God's

F C A/C# Dm A Am Em F C Am Dm G7 C

armed with cru - el hate, on earth has not an e - qual.
 age to age the same, al - read - y wins the bat - tle.
 look! their doom is sure: one lit - tle word will fell them.
 word en - dures al - way, whose reign will last for - ev - er.

God in Christ

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE 9 9 10 10 6 with refrain (13 9 13 10)

A D/A  E/A D/A A D/A E/A D/A



Unison

A Asus A E/A A Asus



1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the sha - dows in -
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fa - ces dis -

A E/A D E/D



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 to your ra - diance; by your blood I may
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from

C#m F#m D E/D



World, shine up - on us. Set us free by the
 en - ter your bright - ness. Search me, try me, con -
 glo - ry to glo - ry: mir - rored here may our

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C#m F#m G Esus E G Esus E

truth you now bring us.
 sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
 lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
 A E/A A D A Bm Bm/A

Shine, Je - sus shine; fill this land with the
 Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with

Esus E Esus E A E/A A D A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
 grace and mer - cy; send forth your word, Lord, and

1. Bm Bm/A G Esus E 2. Bm E7 A D/A D.S. A Last time

hearts on fire. let there be light!

Congregational Givings

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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 the New Minister:

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton this past week, the Call from Central to Rev. Hannah Lovaglio was tabled until such time as she fulfills the requirements set forth by the denomination. Once those requirements are taken care of, she will be officially inducted as the minister of this pastoral charge. In the meantime, Rev. Hannah was welcomed into the PCC and given permission to assume her "interim duties" (everything except moderating Session) here at Central. She will begin her office hours this week and her first day "in the pulpit" will be September 21st. Following that service, there will be a congregational luncheon to welcome Rev. Hannah and her family as our new minister.

Welcome Luncheon for Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Sunday September 21st

We're delighted to give a hearty Central welcome to Rev. Hannah, her husband, Michael, and their two sons. A special luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall following next week's Sunday service.



PLEASE JOIN US... ALL ARE WELCOME!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to contribute towards food.

Any questions, please contact Gwynneth Simpson at davidhsimpson@sympatico.ca or 905-870-0860.

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).

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, September 14, 10:30 a.m. **Service of Worship – Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson preaching**
- ~ Tuesday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.–noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Wednesday, September 17, 3:00-7:00 p.m. **Durand Market** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, September 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Sunday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. **Service of Worship – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio preaching**
- ~ Sunday, September 21 after worship **Welcome Luncheon for Rev. Hannah Lovaglio & family**
- ~ Sunday, September 28 **Truth & Reconciliation Sunday – Orange Shirt Day**
- ~ Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Andromeda Duo**

National Day For TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

*Official Unveiling of the Former Mohawk Institute
Residential School as an Interpreted Historic Site*

September 30, 2025

10am - 6pm | Woodland Cultural Centre
184 Mohawk Street, Brantford ON N3S 2X2

- Opening Ceremony;
- Self-Guided Tours;
- TRC Activities;
- Food & Drink;
- Film Screenings;
- Social Dances.

Timed Ticket Admission!



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The Woodland Cultural Centre will officially unveil the former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an Interpretive Historic Site on September 30th the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/official-unveiling/>
“The former Mohawk Institute, also known as “The Mush Hole,” was the oldest and longest-running residential school in Canada. From 1828 to 1970, it operated as a key part of a system that profoundly impacted Indigenous communities, separating children from their families and cultures. The WCC is committed to ensuring the stories and experiences of Survivors are shared and understood, contributing to a more just and equitable future.”
(WCC)

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.



Knit & Knatter Invitation:

We welcome all who are interested in joining Central’s knitting group. Needles and yarn are provided. We will meet again every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon starting this Tuesday, September 16th, to knit and/or chat. For more information contact Jean Williams.

Volunteer Opportunity: If you are interested in overseeing and planning the Durand Christmas Market that has been hosted in Central’s Fellowship Hall for many years, please reach out to Helena by September 18th (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0)

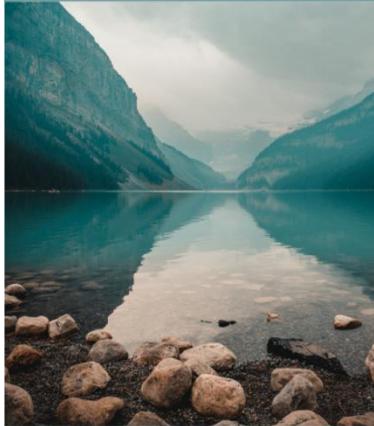
Thank You to Pam & Lee Carpenter for supplying the ice cream sandwiches after church on Sunday, September 7th.

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.

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



Gratitude becomes a quality of our hearts that allows us to live joyfully and peacefully even though our struggles continue.

*Henri Nouwen (1932-1996),
priest, professor, writer*



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* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement

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