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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 HAMILTON

September 21, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jim Evel

Greeters – Cathy Keith & Alex Prince

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *O God Our Lord, Thy Holy Word*

J. G. Walther, Harm. by J. S. Bach

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT Sing, Praise And Bless The Lord

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*Laudate Dominum,  
laudate Dominum,  
omnes gentes, alleluia!*

*Sing, praise and bless the Lord.  
Sing, praise and bless the Lord,  
peoples, nations, hallelujah!*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I thank my God every time I remember you.

**People: We gather in gratitude, for God's grace has brought us here.**

The One who began a good work among us will bring it to completion.

**We rejoice in God's faithfulness, past, present, and future.**

This is our confidence: that God's love will overflow more and more.

**Our hearts are open, our lives are ready, our voices are lifted in praise!**

\* HYMN – God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

799 (see pg. 5-6)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

\* HYMN – For The Healing of the Nations

736 (see pg. 7-8)

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 100** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain II**

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

Philippians 1:3-10 (pg. 196)

SERMON: *The First Word*

MEDITATION MINUTE

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN - In Loving Partnership

759 (see pg. 9)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Jesu Lord! Who Through My Infant Days*

J. Dowland  
Words - D. Goodchild

*Jesu Lord! Who through my infant days Hast watched and guarded me In all my childish ways;  
My work, my play, my fears, my griefs, my joys were sent from Thee, my tender soul to form.*

*Jesu Lord! My lot it is to choose, When grown to one's estate, My soul to gain or lose.  
Be Thou my help, my strength, my guide, to want the right, the wrong to set aside.*

*Jesu Lord! Control my wayward heart, And grant that at mine end, Though dies my mortal part,  
My faith, my thoughts, my words, my deeds, my prayers, Have led my soul to immortality.*

\* 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!*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, 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**

## GOD SENDS US

\* HYMN - O Lord, Thou Art My God And King

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'Thine The Glory'* D. Lasky, Tune: *Revive Us Again* - 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.

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).

**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).

### **Welcome Luncheon for Rev. Hannah Lovaglio** **TODAY Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>**



We're delighted to give a hearty Central welcome to Rev. Hannah, her husband, Michael, and their two sons, Jack-Finn and Boaz.

A special luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday service TODAY!

**PLEASE JOIN US... ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## 799 God is here! as we your people meet

BLAENWERN 8787D

F Bb/F F F/C C Dm A7 Bb F

1. God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4. Sov - ereign God of Church and King - dom, in an age of

C/G G7 C F Bb F F/C C

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font and pul - pit,  
 flock and fold; here, as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

Dm C F Bb 6 F/C C7 F A7/E Dm F/C Bb F/C C

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of  
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

Alternate tune: Abbot's Leigh

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F F/A C7/G F C/E Dm C/G G 7 C Bb C7/G

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the  
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in  
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it  
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

F/A F C/E F /C C F/A Bb C7/G F Bb/DBb6 F/C C7 F

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you; we be - lieve.

## For the healing of the nations

GRAFTON 878787

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions,  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom,  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing,  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten

Lord, we pray with one ac - cord, for a just and  
 from de - spir your world re - lease, that, re - deemed from  
 let it from the earth be banned, pride of sta - tus,  
 your great name on hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing

e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords.  
 war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.  
 race or school - ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.  
 in your like - ness bring the life of Christ to mind,

To a life of love in ac - tion  
 Show us how through care and good - ness  
 In our com - mon quest for jus - tice  
 that, by our re - sponse and serv - ice,

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Eb/G    /F    Eb (7/D)   Cm (Ab6)   Eb/Bb   Bb7   Eb

help us rise and pledge our word.  
 fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 earth its des - ti - ny may find.

## In loving partnership

RIVAULX 8888LM

1. In lov - ing part - ner - ship we come,  
 2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
 3. Lov - ing com - mu - ni - ty we seek;  
 4. In lov - ing part - ner - ship, O God,

seek - ing, O God, your will to do.  
 serv - ing, by grace each oth - er's need.  
 your hope and strength with - in us move.  
 help us your fu - ture to pro - claim.

Our prayers and ac - tions now re - ceive;  
 We dare to risk and sac - ri - fice  
 The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
 Jus - tice and peace be our de - sire,

we free - ly of - fer them to you.  
 with truth - ful word and faith - ful deed.  
 are brought to - geth - er in your love.  
 we hum - bly pray in Je - sus' name.

Chords: D, A7/C#, D, G, Em6/G, D, D/F#, G, G6, D/F#, Em7, A7/E, D, G, F#sus4 - 3, Bm-, Asus4 - 3, D (maj7), G/B, A, G, D/F#, A7/E, D, A, 7, D

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O Lord, thou art my God and King

DUKE STREET 8 8 8 8 LM

D A7/E D/F# G A7/E D A/E E7 A D A7/E D/F#

1. O Lord, thou art my God and King; thee will I  
 2. Thee will I bless each day I rise, and praise thy  
 3. Thy saints shall praise thy glo - rious name; thy might-y  
 4. Thy might shall be by all ex - tolled; thy glo - rious  
 5. Thy faith - ful shall make known the fame of thy great

G D/F# Em D A D A7/E D/F# D D/F#

mag - ni - fy and praise: I will thee bless and  
 name, time with - out end; much to be praised and  
 acts they shall de - clare; thy won-drous works I  
 grace I will re - cord; with all my strength I  
 good-ness and shall bless the splen-dour of thy

G A7/E D D/A A D/F# G A7/E D D/F# G D/A A A7 D

glad - ly sing un - to thy ho - ly name al - ways.  
 great God is, whose great-ness none can com - pre - hend.  
 will pro - claim and med - i - tate on them with prayer.  
 will un - fold thy great and might - y acts, O Lord.  
 glo - rious name, prais - ing a - loud thy right-eous - ness.

Alternate tune: Warrington

Words: Psalm 145:1-7; paraphrase, Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt

Music: John Warrington Hatton (c.1710-1793)

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## 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/)

### Congregational Givings

*OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central*

You can support this good work by donating in various means.

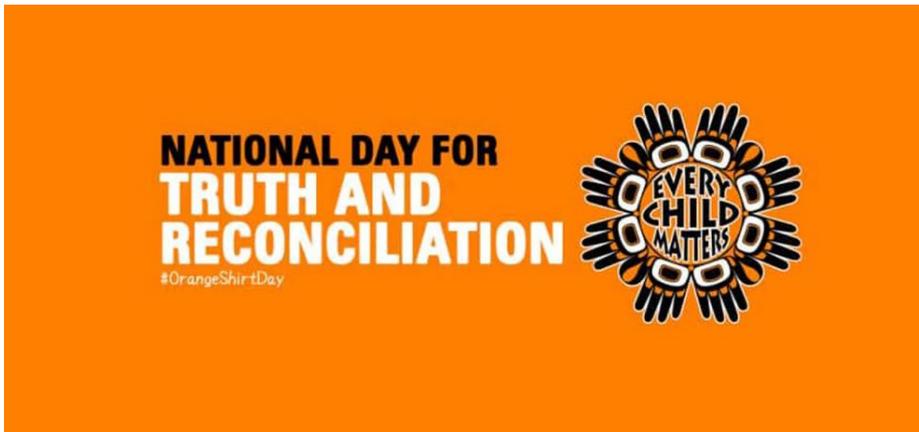
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### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ 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**
- ~ Tuesday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.-noon    **Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)**
- ~ Wednesday, September 24, 3:00-7:00 p.m.    **Durand Market (Forecourt)**
- ~ Thursday, September 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m.    **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.    **Truth & Reconciliation Sunday - Orange Shirt Day**
- ~ Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m.    **Music@Central: Andromeda Duo**
- ~ Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.    **Session Meeting**



The Woodland Cultural Centre will officially unveil the former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an Interpretive Historic Site on September 30<sup>th</sup> 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). If you are interested contact **Beth Carey** ([beth.carey57@gmail.com](mailto:beth.carey57@gmail.com)) or **Sara Traficante**.

Next, Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to wear **Orange** to worship as a symbol of apology and confession for the church’s role in operating residential schools and the harm those schools caused to Indigenous children, their families and communities.

**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/>

**Knit & Knatter Invitation:**

We welcome all who are interested in joining Central's knitting group. Needles and yarn are provided. We meet every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Guild Room to knit and/or chat. For more information contact Jean Williams.

*Knit together*  
**IN LOVE.**  
COLOSSIANS 2:2, ESV



**Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity***

**Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

*Romans 12:13 NIV*



***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 Moment

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

*1 Peter 4:10*



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