



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 28, 2025 10:30 a.m.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sunday Service of Worship

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Land Acknowledgement – Rachel Weresch

Lector – Jean Williams

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE Be Merciful Unto Me, O God

J. H. Schein

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are gathered from Hamilton, Ontario, we pause to acknowledge with humility and deep respect that we are on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabeg, and first nations peoples. This land, now known as Hamilton, is governed by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum, an agreement made between Indigenous nations and settlers to share and care for this land peacefully and sustainably. It is also covered by Treaty 3, the Between the Lakes Purchase – a treaty that, like many others, has been broken or dishonoured.

We acknowledge that we are on stolen land – land taken through colonial violence, broken treaties, and systems of oppression that continue to harm Indigenous peoples today.

We remember, too, the stolen children, taken from their families and communities through the residential school system – including institutions operated by Christian churches, including our own denomination. We grieve this legacy of harm and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of truth, justice, and reconciliation.

We honour the waterfalls, lakes, and flowing waters of this region, sacred to the first peoples of this land.

We give thanks for the trees, the plants, and the many animals who have always called this place home. Creation itself speaks of the sacred responsibilities held by Indigenous peoples – responsibilities we must now learn to support, not erase.

We are called not only to acknowledge this truth but to act upon it – to listen, to repair, and to walk in solidarity with Indigenous peoples in the ongoing struggle for justice and healing. May we tread lightly, speak truthfully, and walk humbly as guests on this land.

We are all treaty people.

- written by Rachel Weresch

INTROIT *"Neesa" (Haudenosaunee - Seneca)*

Neesa Neesa Neesa x3, Gaiweyo x2

Translation: Grandmother moon, Creator is everywhere.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called together

People: To worship God as the people of God.

God calls us by name and knows what rests in our minds and our hearts,
and calls us:

To worship God as the people of God.

We come yearning to be transformed and redirected to paths of justice
and in ways of love so that in truth we can turn to God:

To worship God as the people of God.

God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people and together:

To worship God as the people of God.

* HYMN - For The Beauty Of The Earth

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1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 8.4.1-8.4.3 (pg. 25)

**God is always calling the church
to seek that justice in the world
which reflects the divine righteousness
revealed in the Bible.**

**God's justice is seen
when we deal fairly with each other
and strive to change customs and practices
that oppress and enslave others.**

**Justice involves protecting the rights of others.
It protests against everything that destroys human dignity.**

* HYMN – Oh For A World Where Everyone

730 (see pg. 7)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 146 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; the Faith Finders teachers will sit with the children in the front of the church for the rest of the service. 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

Micah 6:6-8 (pg. 866)

SERMON: *Walking Humbly*

MEDITATION MINUTE

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - The Church Of Christ, In Every Age 486 (*choir vs. 1; congregation vs. 2-5*)(see pg. 8)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Love Divine*

H. Goodall

*Love divine, all loves 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.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit, Into ev'ry troubled breast,
Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find that second rest:
Take away our love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be,
End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation: Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

* 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**

* HYMN - Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

4. The Lord has promised good to me:
His word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

5. What thanks I owe you, and what love
a boundless, endless store
shall echo through the realms above
when time shall be no more.

3. Through many dan gers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

6. When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than
when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein (O God, Look Down From Heaven)* J. P. Sweelinck



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.

Today, Sunday,
September 28th,
we 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.



Oh for a world where everyone

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G/B G D G D7 Em D G D7/F# G D

1. Oh for a world where eve - ry - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2. Oh for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5. Oh for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

G /B C G/D D7 G

where love - is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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The church of Christ, in every age

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1. The church of Christ, in eve - ry age, be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

Bm 6 A/C# Bm/D E7 A F#/A# (Bm6/F# F#/E) Bm/D

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and
 church that longs to be a part - ner in
 fev - er in our blood, and teach us how
 be - dience to our Lord, to care for all,

F# (G#m7 F#7/A#) Bm G6 D A7/E D6 G/B A7/C# D G6 A D

its her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 for bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
 Christ's sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 to share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 with - out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

Alternate tune: Wareham

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Dear Friends,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. These first days with you have been filled with kindness and generosity. We are so grateful for the warm welcome our family has received, for the thoughtful help as we've begun to settle in, and for the joy of gathering around the table together at Sunday's luncheon. The Canadian treats were a huge hit with the boys, and the gift basket was so incredibly thoughtful. Every little touch was noticed, and appreciated.

Your hospitality reflects the love of Christ, and it has already made Hamilton feel like home. I look forward to the journey ahead with you—learning, serving, and growing together in faith.

Gratitude Abounds,
Rev. Hannah Lovaglio and family

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.

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.



Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. **Truth & Reconciliation Sunday Service of Worship**
- ~ Tuesday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.-noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. **Central's Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Wednesday, October 1, 3:00-7:00 p.m. **Durand Market** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, October 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Sunday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. **World Communion Sunday Service of Worship**
- ~ Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Andromeda Duo**
- ~ Tuesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m. **Session Meeting**
- ~ Friday, October 10 **Central Youth** (Guild Room)
- ~ Sunday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. **Thanksgiving Sunday Service of Worship**
- ~ Friday, December 5, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Save the Date: **"Waiting in Wonder: Advent for All Ages"**



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.

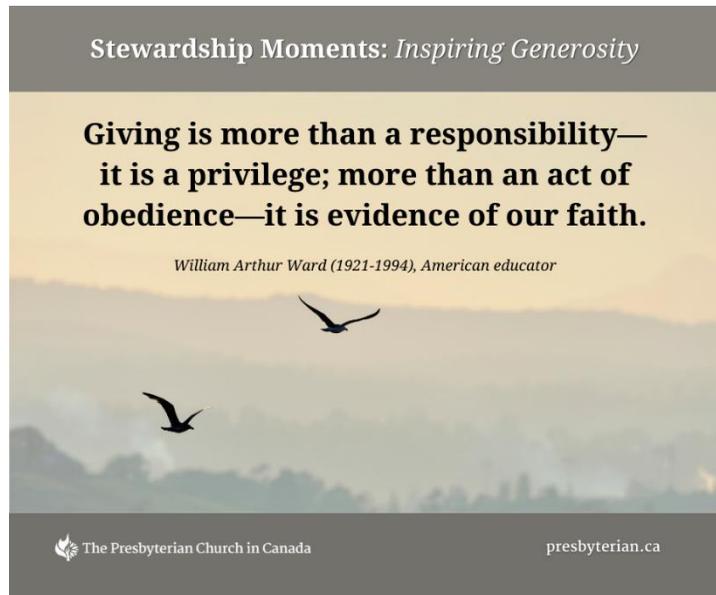
The Woodland Cultural Centre will officially unveil the former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an Interpretive Historic Site on September 30th the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/official-unveiling/>
“The former Mohawk Institute, also known as “The 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). If you are interested contact **Beth Carey** (beth.carey57@gmail.com) or **Sara Traficante**.

***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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