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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

November 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Elsje Zwart

Greeters – Gloria Gavin & Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this Morning!

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary in E-flat Major*

W. Boyce

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *I Sought The Lord, And Afterward I know*

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*I sought the Lord, and afterward I know he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.  
It was not I that found, O Saviour true; no, I was found of thee.*

*I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!  
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul; always thou lovedst me.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope,

People: **We wish to see Jesus.**

With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

**We wish to see Jesus.**

With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace,

**We wish to see Jesus.**

Come and worship and in the midst of worship find Jesus

\* HYMN – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

315 (see pg. 5-6)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

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

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story; this is my song;  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song;  
praising my Saviour all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 32** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG: Zaccheus

*Zaccheus was a wee little man, A wee little man was he, He climbed up in a sycamore tree  
For the Lord he wanted see; And as the Saviour passed that way, He looked up in the tree,  
And He said: "Zaccheus, you come down, For I'm going to your house today,  
For I'm going to your house today."*

*Following the Time with the Children, children are invited to join our  
Faith Finders program for children SK – Grade 8 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

Luke 19:1-10 (pg. 82)

SERMON: **A Matter of Perception**

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – Blest Are They

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *I Will Praise Thee O God*

R. Barrett-Ayres

*I will praise thee O god with my whole heart, I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.  
I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most high.*

*The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in time of trouble.  
And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee,  
For thou Lord hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*

\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore, Praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

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 - For All The Saints

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1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, o Jesus, be forever blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and  
their might,  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought  
fight,  
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Oh may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. O blest communion! fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are  
strong.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's  
farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the  
countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 5<sup>ème</sup> Verset

N. Lebegue

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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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 Music: Martin Luther (1483–1546); arrangement Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

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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.

## Blest are they

BLEST ARE THEY 7 7 7 5 with refrain (5 7 5 7)

Unison      Ab                      Eb/G                      Db                      Ab/C                      Ebsus4Eb

1. Blest are they, the poor in spir-it; theirs is the king-dom of God.  
 2. Blest are they, the low-ly ones; they shall in-her-it the earth.  
 3. Blest are they who show-mer-cy; mer-cy shall be theirs.  
 4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the chil-dren of God.  
 5. Blest are you who suf-fer hate all be-cause of me. Re-

Ab                      Ab/G                      Db                      Eb7                      Ab

Blest are they, full of sor-row, they shall be con-soled.  
 Blest are they, who hun-ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!  
 Blest are they who suf-fer in faith, the glo-ry of God, is theirs.  
 joy and be glad— yours is the kingdom— shine for all to see.

Refrain                      Db                      Eb7                      Ab                      Db

Re - jice                      and be glad!                      Bless - ed are

Ab/C                      Bbm                      Bb7                      Eb                      Db                      Eb7                      Ab

you; ho - ly are you! Re - jice                      and be glad!

Yours is the King - dom of God!



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.

### **Fall Sermon Series: A Living Faith**

As we journey with Jesus through Luke's Gospel, we discover what it means to hold on to faith when answers are delayed, hearts are humbled, and the world feels uncertain. Each week invites us to practice a *living* faith – one that endures, trusts, and grows – as we prepare our hearts for the coming Advent season. This week's sermon: **A Matter of Perception**

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).

### **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/)

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

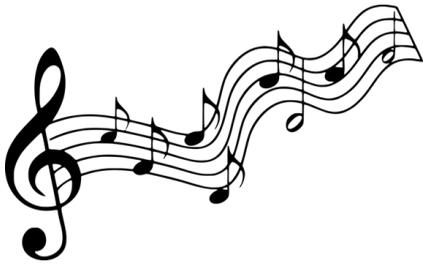
~ Sunday, November 2, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday Service of Worship</b>
~ Monday, November 3, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>H.O.O.T.C. Café</b> (Fellowship Hall)
~ Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.–noon	<b>Knit &amp; Knatter Group</b> (Guild Room)
~ Tuesday, November 4, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Session Meeting</b>
~ Thursday, November 6, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go</b> (Forecourt)
~ Thursday, November 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>Central Choir Rehearsal</b>
~ Friday, November 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Central Youth</b>
~ Sunday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music@Central: Bud Roach &amp; Friends</b>
~ Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Central’s Book Club</b> (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, November 30 after worship	<b>Christmas Cookie Walk</b> (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, November 30, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music@Central: Xueao Yang &amp; Felix Hong</b>
~ Friday, December 5, 5:00-7:30 p.m.	<b>“Waiting in Wonder: Advent for All Ages”</b>
~ Saturday, December 13, 12:00-3:00 p.m.	<b>Durand Christmas Market</b> (Fellowship Hall)

### Position Opening - Coordinator of Discipleship

Central is seeking a dynamic and passionate Coordinator of Discipleship to coordinate and support our children's ministry (Faith Finders and nursery programs), assist with organizing congregation wide family events, implement and lead our youth programming, coordinate and support our adult discipleship programs, and foster integration of new members in the life of the congregation. The position is part-time (20 hours per week), starting January 2026. If you are interested in applying for the position or know someone who may be interested, please contact Helena at the church office who will put you in touch with the Discipleship Committee.



Psalm 32:1, NRSV



## Come Sing With Us . . .

Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central! The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry.

We also welcome additional singers to join us temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at [music@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:music@cpchamilton.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](mailto: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](http://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 - 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*

**Faith itself grows when we give  
generously and sacrificially.**

*Unknown*



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***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.***