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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  
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 26, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Tracy Woodrow

Greeters – Cathy Keith & Alex Prince

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this Morning!

\* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Präludium und Ricercari*

J. P. Sweelinck

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding*

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*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: **a day for praise and prayer;  
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;  
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;  
a life of faith and trust.**

\* HYMN – Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation (Book of Praise 1972 #304) (see pg. 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.**

*Please share a word or sign of the Peace of Christ with those around you as you are comfortable. In doing so, please be mindful of the preference of others in how you offer or receive this sign (smile, handshake, fist bump, nod or elbow tap). May the peace of Christ be with you!*

\* HYMN – Come, Let Us Sing

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1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true;  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to  
dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame:  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful  
love;  
come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 65** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*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 18:9-14 (pg. 81)

SERMON: **Humble, Honest, Hopeful**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

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1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4. in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

### THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Lead Me, Lord*

S. S. Wesley

*Lead me Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face.  
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

*Lord of all power, all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things;  
Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion,  
Routish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

\* 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 – Arise, Your Light Is Come

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven*

H. Albert



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.

**Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity***

**Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission.**

*Dr. Kennon Callahan (1936 - ), author and teacher, congregational development*

A photograph of two small, fluffy birds with yellow-green heads and white bodies, perched on a thin branch. The background is a soft-focus green with some pink flowers at the bottom.

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# 304 Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8 7 8 7 8 7 arr. by Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868  
 from an anthem by Henry Purcell, 1659-1695  
 Adapted

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, Dear - ly loved of  
 3. To this tem - ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of

cor - ner stone, Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, In ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion,  
 hosts, to - day: With Thy wont - ed lov - ing-kind - ness,

Bind - ing all the church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy, God the One in  
 Hear Thy ser - vants as they pray, And Thy full - est

help for ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing In glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.

4. Here vouchsafe on all Thy servants  
 What they ask of Thee to gain,  
 What they gain from Thee for ever  
 With the blessed to retain,  
 And hereafter in Thy glory  
 Evermore with Thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,  
 Laud and honour to the Son,  
 Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
 Ever Three, and ever One,  
 One in might and One in glory,  
 While unending ages run.

## Arise, your light is come

FESTAL SONG 12 14

Descant

4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up! Rise

A D A D A E/B B7 E

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show  
 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -  
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind  
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

A E/G# D/F# A/E Bm/D B7/D# E A/C# D A/C# Esus4-3 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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## 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: **Humble, Honest, Hopeful**

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/)

### 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.

## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, October 26, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday Service of Worship</b>
~ Sunday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music@Central: Halloween Family Concert</b>
~ Tuesday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.–noon	<b>Knit &amp; Knatter Group</b> (Guild Room)
~ Wednesday, October 29, 3:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>Durand Market</b> (Forecourt) (last Market for this Season)
~ Thursday, October 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	<b>Central Choir Rehearsal</b>
~ Monday, November 3, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>H.O.O.T.C. Café</b> (Fellowship Hall)
~ 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)
~ 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, 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)

## 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/>



## Why That Hymn? – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*(Book of Praise, 1972 – No. 304)*

This week's hymn, *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*, was chosen by Frances Searle, who especially requested the version found in the 1972 Book of Praise because it retains the beautiful alto line. It's a classic example of how harmony helps tell the story – each voice adding its strength to the whole, just as each of us builds together on Christ, our sure foundation.

## Why This Hymn?

The text dates back to the 6th or 7th century, originally written in Latin (*Angularis fundamentum*) and sung for the dedication of church buildings. The English translation we sing today was made by John Mason Neale in the 19th century, and the stately tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY was adapted from a work by Henry Purcell. Together, they invite us to imagine the church not only as stone and mortar, but as a living household of faith – built on love, prayer, and praise. As we sing, may we hear our own faith built into the music: altos, sopranos, tenors, and basses alike – each part resting on the same sure foundation.

As we sing this opening tune as a musical call to worship, I invite us to be prayerful about how God might be calling each of us to add our voice to this particular congregation, and where God is calling us as a community to live in faithfulness upon the gift of Christ's sure foundation.

*In harmony, mostly,*  
Rev. Hannah

PS. Want to sing your favorite hymn? Make a request to Rev. Hannah and she'll include it in an upcoming worship service.

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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.***