



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

November 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Intergenerational Sunday Worship Service

Beloved. Belonging. Delighted In.

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Call to Worship – Fisher, Kene & Jack

Prayer of Belonging – Willa, Flora, Jack Finn

The Peace – Abi

The Offering – Risa

Pastoral Prayer – Ramona

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this Morning!

We offer a staffed nursery throughout the service for our young ones up to age 4.

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major*

R. Anderson

GATHERING – YOU BELONG

INTROIT *Teach Me, God, To Wonder*

704 vs. 1-2

Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me God to see; let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain: Praise to you be given; love for you be lived, life be celebrated; joy you give.

Let me, God, be open; let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. Refrain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is Trustworthy.

People: God's names for you are true:

You Belong.

You are Beloved.

You are Delightful.

Together let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN & PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

- Let Us Build A House

Marty Haugen

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

STORY OF BELONGING Ruth 1 - 6

WONDER MOMENT

* SONG OF BELONGING – We Are One In The Spirit

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored, *Refrain*

Refrain: and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land, *Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride, *Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one, *Refrain*

PRAYER OF BELONGING

Leader: God of love, you call us together - old and young, quiet and loud, curious and shy.

All: We belong to you.

When we don't know where we fit, you remind us that
your arms are big enough for everyone.

We belong to you.

When we feel left out or unsure, you whisper our names and say, "Come closer."

We belong to you.

Gather us in, God – as one family, one body, one story.

Teach us to make room for others the way you make room for us.

We belong to you. Amen.

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

WORD - YOU ARE BELOVED

STORY OF BELOVEDNESS Luke 3

REFLECTION

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace 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.
4. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise

CELEBRATION - YOU ARE DELIGHTFUL

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *The Lamb*

J. Tavener, Words by W. Blake

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild; He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless 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.*

STORY OF DELIGHT Genesis 1

WONDER MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

You call us by name and gather us close.

You tell us we belong — even when we feel lost or left out.

You call us beloved — even when we forget who we are.

You call us delightful — even when we doubt we have anything to offer.

Today we pray for all your children:

for those who are lonely, that they may find friendship and home;

for those who are grieving, that they may feel your gentle love;

for those who are sick or tired, that they may rest in your care;

for those who are joyful, that they may share their joy freely.

We pray for your church,

that we would be a place of true belonging —

where every voice matters, every age is cherished,

and where your delight in us overflows into delight for one another.

In this quiet moment, we bring to you the names on our hearts... *(pause)*

Thank you, God, for calling us your own.

Thank you for delighting in us — just as we are, and as we're becoming.

Help us to see one another with the same joy you see in us.

We pray in the name of Jesus,

the One who calls us beloved,

and who taught us to pray, saying:

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

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love. Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you; earth and heaven reflect your rays; stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, every blessed, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest. God Creator, Christ our Saviour, all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to love our neighbour; lift us to your joy above.
4. Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals, join with every part, for what joy is set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart! Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

* BENEDICTION

You belong. You are beloved. You are delightful.
Go now and share that truth with the world!

POSTLUDE *I Love To Tell The Story*

L. A. Warriner (Tune by W. G. Fischer)



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). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

This past week, the Presbytery of Hamilton approved and set the date for Hannah's Induction as the new minister here at Central. On Sunday, December 7th, the Presbytery will meet here at 2:15 pm and then the Service of Induction will take place at 2:30 pm. All are invited to attend and celebrate Hannah officially becoming our new minister.

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.

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.

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.

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/

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.	Intergenerational Sunday Service of Worship
~ Monday, November 17, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall)
~ Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.–noon	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, November 20, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Forecourt)
~ Thursday, November 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Central Choir Rehearsal
~ Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.	Central’s Book Club (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, November 30 after worship	Christmas Cookie Walk (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, November 30, 3:00 p.m.	Music@Central: Xueao Yang & Felix Hong
~ Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
~ Friday, December 5, 5:00-7:30 p.m.	“Waiting in Wonder: Advent for All Ages”
~ Sunday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.	Service of Induction for Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
~ Saturday, December 13, 12:00-3:00 p.m.	Durand Christmas Market (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 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.



Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

Stewardship is partnership with God.

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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/>

The Mission Committee of Central has identified two areas of need that you are invited to donate to this Advent season.

PWS&D is responding to the crisis in Gaza, with our ecumenical networks and partnerships at ACT, Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food and other humanitarian assistance where and whenever possible.

Donations may be given through PCC's "Giving Tree Ornaments" The ornaments will be sold, through donation, at fellowship time beginning on November 23rd and at the Durand Christmas Market for those who wish to contribute to the PWS&D's Gaza Response.



White Gift Sunday



Central will again be sharing our gifts with Giving Hearts of Hamilton on White Gift Sunday. The needs for those who are unhoused continue to be great. A full list of items will be shared. Grocery store, Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons gift cards are always appreciated. Hats, mittens, warm socks, coats, camping gear, blankets, tarps are needed as well.



Why This Hymn?

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome) – Marty Haugen

This week's hymn, *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)*, is both an invitation and a declaration. Written by Marty Haugen in 1994, this modern hymn envisions the church as a place where love dwells, where fears are banished, and where all are truly welcome in the household of God. Its verses name the kind of community we long to be—one rooted in faith and courage, wide enough to embrace every person and every story.

This hymn has long been a favorite of mine. It's deeply aspirational—singing not just about who we are, but who, by God's grace, we are becoming. It calls us to build the kind of spiritual home that mirrors God's own welcome: where love is lived, hope is shared, and all find a place of belonging.

As we gather for this intergenerational service of *Belonging, Belovedness, and Delight*, may these words shape our imagination for what it means to be Christ's church together. In every verse, we proclaim what is possible when God's people build together in love. For the sake of every generation, may it be so.

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Rev. Hannah

**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.**

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