



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 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Trumpeter – Fred Cunningham

Lector – Shirely Fredlander

Greeters – Jim & Myrna Evel

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this Morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Meditation (in memoriam)*

D. F. Callender

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *O God Beyond All Praising*

G. Holst

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day of memories, we gather to sing and to pray;

People: we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns and cannons fell silent,

we come before you, God, seeking your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

we come before you, God, believing in your promise.

Let us worship God together, in peace.

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN - Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
we confess that the world around us is in a mess.
Countries turn arguments over territory into threats of terror.
Old enemies stir up conflict within their tribes and nations.
The threat of violence keeps us all on edge.
Forgive us for not learning from past conflicts
what leads to peace with justice.**

SUNG RESPONSE (#735 DONA NOBIS PACEM)

Give Us Peace

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

* Bidding:

We will remember them.

And all repeat:

We will remember them.

* The Last Post

* The silence

* Reveille

* Prayer of Remembrance

* **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM:** "O Canada"

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*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
(Refrain)*

*God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee*

Following the Time of Remembrance, 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 98 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38 (pg. 84)

SERMON: **Children of the Resurrection**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Ye Holy Angels Bright

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Earth Does Not Hold*

Music by E. H. Thiman, Words by P. Ross

*Earth does not hold the spirits of the brave. Seek no imprisoned honour in the grave.
The body broken, th' unbroken soul In some new region is unscarr'd and whole.
They gave their peace that peace might follow pain; They died in Christ, in Him they live again.
As Christ is ever with us, so are they – A shining host upon the shining way.*

*Oh, in the bright procession of their fame May we now follow, free from sloth and shame.
To that great music, on the path they trod, Who now have ended pilgrimage with God.
We praise and bless the memory of all Whose lives were given at their country's call,
Let God by us who live be glorified, And by the living souls of them who died. 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 – O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Song of Peace*

M. Shea

*The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Stan and Mary Hamilton by Ian Hamilton and family.*



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: **Children of the Resurrection**

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.

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

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| ~ Sunday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. | Remembrance Sunday Service of Worship |
| ~ Sunday, November 9, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central: Bud Roach & Friends |
| ~ Monday, November 10, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 a.m.-noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, November 13, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. | H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, November 13, 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" |
| ~ 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.



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 This Hymn?

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Book of Praise #330)

Written by Isaac Watts in 1719 and based on Psalm 90, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* is one of the most enduring hymns of faith ever sung. In just a few short stanzas, it names the steadfastness of God across the ages, from “our shelter from the stormy blast” to “our hope for years to come.”

Watts originally titled the hymn *Man Frail, and God Eternal*, reminding us that while human life is fleeting, God’s presence and mercy endure beyond time itself.

Over the centuries, this hymn has become inseparable from Remembrance Day services. Its steady tune, *ST. ANNE*, and its timeless words have offered comfort at moments of national mourning and resolve. It is sung in cathedrals, at cenotaphs, and in quiet chapels alike. As we sing it this Sunday, we join our voices with generations who have turned to God as both “our help in ages past” and “our hope for years to come.” We imagine those who have sung where you now stand, and those who will come to sing in this beloved sanctuary.

May this hymn be our prayer: for the healing of the nations and for courage to live as peacemakers in our own time.

Yours, in hope for years to come,
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.**

Hymn Trivia

Which of these beloved hymns did Isaac Watts also write?

- A. I Sing the Mighty Power of God
- B. Joy to the World
- C. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- D. All of the Above

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