



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 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service
Christ the King Sunday

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Jim Evel

Greeters – Judy Johnson & Shirley Fredlander

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this Morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Fantasy in G Major*

T. Tomkins

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

356 v. 4

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant, you, who are our death and life.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends this is the day the Lord has made, **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: At the close of another year in the life of faith,
we gather not to proclaim victory,
but to practice trust.

All: We trust the One who is with us in every season.

One: We trust Christ,
whose reign is not of domination but of mercy,
not of spectacle but of steadfast love.

All: We trust the God who holds all things together.

One: Come, let us worship the One
whose power is presence,
whose crown is compassion,
and whose kingdom is peace.

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 - Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

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1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 46 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.

SERMON: **Trust over Triumph**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – My Shepherd Is The King Of Love

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THE OFFERING

SOLO OFFERTORY *Adagio from the Keyboard Concerto in D Minor*

*J. S. Bach
Sharon Lee, violin*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds, 255 vs. 4:

*Adoring praises now we bring,
and with the heavenly blessed sing,
"Christ hath triumphed! hallelujah!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
thine the glory never ending!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

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 – Crown Him With Many Crowns

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1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule eve ry land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Alleluya*

T. Tallis



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.

Holy, holy, holy

Descant

NICAEA 11 12 12 10

4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!
D Bm A 7 D G (A9/G) (A9/G) D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
A/C# D A/C# Bm E/B A/C# D A/E E7 A 7

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,
though our eyes in sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

French

- Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;
que ton nom soit exalté sur terre et dans les cieux!
Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,
Pour ton amour, pour tes dons merveilleux!
- Gloire, gloire, gloire, redisent les anges,
joignant leurs sublimes voix au chœur mélodieux:
Gloire, gloire, gloire, des chants, des louanges,
partout frémit l'immensité des cieux.

Mandarin

Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi, quán néng dà zhǔ zǎi!
Qīng chén wǒ zhòng gē shēng huān shēng shàng dà tiān tīng.
Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi! Cǐ bēi quán néng zhǔ zǎi!
Zàn měi sǎn yī Shén, Fù, Zǐ yǔ Shèng Líng!

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A 7 D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D/F# D7/F# G D 7 G Em/G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

3. Gloire, gloire, gloire, victoire, espérance,
 les saints et les bienheureux proclament tous en chœur:
 gloire, gloire, gloire, Dieu de toute grâce;
 de nos péchés tu es libérateur.

4. Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;
 toute la création chante à notre Rédempteur:
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,
 au Père, au Fils, au Saint Consolateur.

My shepherd is the King of love

DOMINUS REGIT ME 8787

G D C/E (F#) G /B (/C) D7sus4 - 3 Em D7/F#

1. My shep - herd is the King of love whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with

Gsus4-3 A6/E A7/E G/D D G/B Am7 D G 6

good - ness fails me nev - er; for all things good from
 ran - somed soul is guid - ed, and where the ver - dant
 yet in love you sought me, and on your shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; your rod and staff my

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

God a - bove re - store my soul for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with heaven - ly food pro - vid - ed.
 gen - tly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5. You spread a table in my sight,
 anointing grace bestowing,
 and, oh, what rapture of delight:
 your cup is overflowing.

6. And so through all the length of days
 your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 within your house forever!

Alternate tune: St. Columba

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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: Trust over Triumph

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.

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 23, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Service of Worship**
- ~ Sunday, November 23 after worship **Giving Tree Ornaments in support of Gaza crises**
(Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Monday, November 24, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. **H.O.O.T.C. Café** (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Tuesday, November 25, 10:00 a.m.-noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m. **Central's Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Thursday, November 27, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. **H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, November 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ 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)
- ~ Sunday, December 14 **White Gift Sunday**

Volunteer Bakers: Are you willing to donate bake goods for the Durand Christmas Market Tea Room on December 13th? Please contact Abbie Boyko if you are able to help out in this way (905-547-4656 aboyko130@gmail.com).

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.

[Support PWS&D's Gaza Response - Presbyterian World Service & Development](#)



White Gift Sunday- December 14th



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.

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.

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

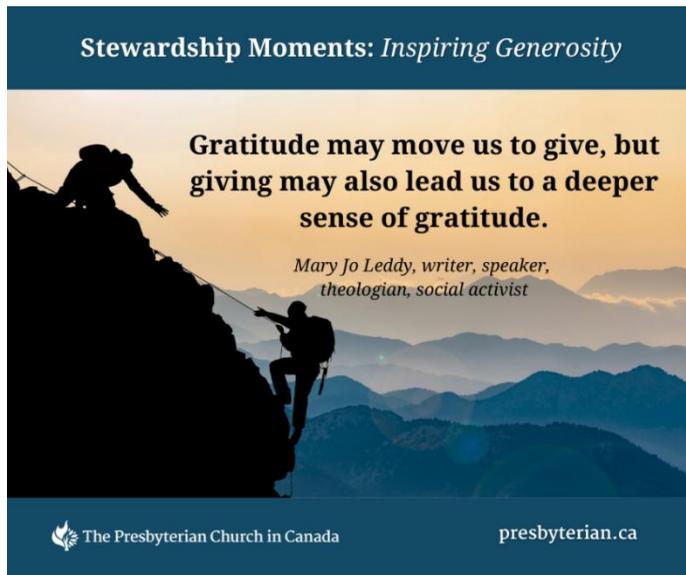
You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca or send a cheque.

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



***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.***



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/>



On Christ the King Sunday, we sing *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, a classic hymn that has been shaping Christian imagination since the mid-1800s. Written first by Matthew Bridges in 1851 and later expanded by Godfrey Thring, the hymn gathers a series of “crowns,” or metaphors that name the many dimensions of Christ’s identity: the Lamb upon the throne, the Lord of Love, the Lord of Peace, the Lord of Years.

Why This Hymn?

Christ the King Sunday was introduced in 1925 as an ecumenical celebration to emphasize the true kingship of Christ, in response to upheavals resulting from the First World War. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (which begins again at the start of Advent).

The language of crowns and kingship might sound triumphal on the surface, but in the context of Christ the King Sunday, this hymn invites us into something quieter, deeper, and more subversive. Christ’s kingship is not about domination or spectacle. His crown is made not of gold but of mercy; not of conquest but of compassion. His throne is not placed above us but among us.

In a world that still equates power with control, *Crown Him With Many Crowns* directs our attention to a very different kind of ruler, One who reigns through self-giving love, suffering compassion, and resurrection hope. Each verse names an aspect of Christ’s life that reveals the character of God: the Lamb who bears our wounds, the Prince of Peace who breaks down hostility, the Lord of Life who conquers death not by force but by offering his own.

Before we turn toward Advent’s longing, we pause to remember the One who already holds all things not with clenched fists, but with open hands. On Christ the King Sunday, we don’t declare triumph over the world; we declare trust in the One who holds the world with love.

As we sing, may we join the hymn’s invitation:

Awake, my soul, and sing –

not because everything is triumphant,
but because Christ is trustworthy.

Not because the world bends toward power,
but because God bends toward love.

With Trust,
Rev Hannah

Minister – The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Interim Moderator – The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson
Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
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