



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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Service of Induction for the Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

At Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton
December 7, 2025

The Presbytery of Hamilton meets at 2:15 pm
Worship begins at 2:30 pm

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

READING OF THE EDICT

PRELUDE: *Meditation on "He Leadeth Me"* - J. S. Dixon

PROCESSION

Members of the Presbytery and others who are leading the service enter the sanctuary.

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

WELCOME

NARRATION OF STEPS

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.

But to each of us grace has been given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

until we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity as a people, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

* HYMN #757

"Come sing, O church in joy!"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God of infinite possibilities, as we ponder what you have done among us, we are moved with awe and wonder. In your hands a lump of clay became a human person, a barren womb brought forth a child of promise, a boy's lunch became a feast for a multitude, the confession of an impulsive fisherman became the Rock on which you built your church, human hands pierced with nails became the sign of your saving power.

Truly, nothing is too difficult for you, Lord God Almighty! And now as we gather together in response to your call, we place ourselves anew into your hands trusting that we too may become new creations of your love and instruments of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.
Rom. 5:8.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**God of Mercy, in Jesus Christ you call us to be your servant people,
but too often we've gone our own way hoping to avoid your claim on our lives.
We haven't always trusted your good news to be good for us
and have resisted the transforming power of your Word.**

**We've allowed the empty distractions of this world to draw us
from our true vocation and to block us from giving faithful witness to your grace.
Have mercy on us, O God.**

**In your love forgive us and set us free to respond to your call
and to be your faithful people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Moment of Silence for reflection.

Hear the good news! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are indeed forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN #125

"People, look east"

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

THE SERMON: *NEW BEGINNINGS*

Moment of Silence for reflection.

* HYMN #119

"Hope is a star"

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY: *Magnificat* - H. W. Sumsion (for lyrics see page 11)

* 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.*

THE INDUCTION

The Moderator and the Inductee are invited to come forward:

Moderator, I now present to you, the Reverend Hannah Lovaglio and ask you to proceed with her induction.

The person to be inducted stands before the Moderator who says:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, listen now to what The Presbyterian Church in Canada believes concerning Christian ministry.

Hannah, it's this to which you give your pledge as a minister of Word and Sacraments.

THE PREAMBLE - *Approved, 1970; Revised, 1992, 1998.*

All ministries of the Church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the Church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the Church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again. That the Church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the Church with pastors and teachers. He requires and enables the Church to discern and to confirm by ordination those whom he calls to this pastoral and teaching office. The standards of his Church he entrusts in a special degree of responsibility to their care.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the Church's King and Head. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ the living Word, are the canon of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the Holy Catholic Church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation. Our subordinate standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation of 1954, Living Faith (Foi Vivant) as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the Church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the Church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

THE ORDINATION QUESTIONS

Hannah, all these things you've examined and are ready to accept. Being assured of your faith in Christ and your love for people, the Presbytery is prepared to induct you into ministry in this place. That your faith may appear in the presence of God and His people, I now ask you the appointed questions in terms of this preamble.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in Scriptures?

I do.

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy, Catholic Church?

I do.

4. Do you promise in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to conduct yourself in your private and public life as becomes His gospel, and do you give yourself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of His reconciling mission in the world?

I do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows. *Amen*

* QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

I now invite the members and adherents of the Central congregation to please stand. *(Pause)*
The induction of a minister is the beginning of a new partnership in service to God. These questions, I therefore direct to you so that you may renew your commitment to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess anew your faith in one God who is creator and ruler of the universe, who came to us in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who remains present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit?

We do.

2. Do you receive the Reverend Hannah Lovaglio to be your minister as from Christ?

We do.

3. Will you give of your substance as the Lord prospers you, for the maintenance of the Christian ministry and the furtherance of the gospel in this place and throughout the world?

We will.

4. Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your minister under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, and announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit?

We do.

May the Lord bless you all and give you grace to fulfil these vows. *Amen*

The congregation may be seated.

THE INDUCTION PRAYER

The Moderator leads in prayer saying:

Praise be to you, Lord God of creation. By your power, you created the universe to be a witness to your glory. By your love, you became flesh and lived among us in Jesus Christ to redeem your people and to establish your kingdom on earth. By your Spirit, you sustain and nurture your people and your purposes among us. We praise and glorify your name O God, because you've formed throughout the world a church to be your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation to declare the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now we give you thanks for your servant Hannah Lovaglio, who's been called to serve you and the church as a minister of Word and Sacraments, and who's been called to minister among these people. May the words she speaks in preaching and teaching be your Word in Christ. May the sacraments she celebrates be lively signs of your presence among these people who've made covenant with you through Christ. May the qualities of compassion and discernment that mark her life among these people show forth your love in Christ daily.

As we pray for your servant Hannah, so too, O Lord, we pray for every minister and elder gathered here. When they reach out to her their hand of friendship, illustrating care and affection one to another; may Hannah realize that she doesn't stand alone, but is always surrounded by co-workers in Christ in whom she may find understanding, support and guidance.

We give you thanks, O God, for the people of this congregation. May they always remember their part in the ministry you've given to them - and to all believers. Give to them high expectation, that by the power of your transforming grace, they'll be renewed in their love for Christ; for one another; and for the whole world. May Hannah and the people of Central congregation grow together as members of one body in Christ - rooted in the gospel, abounding in hope, steadfast in service, all in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and forever. *Amen*

The congregation may pray in unison:

God of grace, you call us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation. Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servant rightly leads us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus the Christ, Lord of all. *Amen*

DECLARATION

Hannah Lovaglio; in the name of the Lord Jesus the Christ, the only king and head of the church, and by the authority of the Presbytery of Hamilton, I now declare you to have been inducted into your ministry in Central Presbyterian Church; and I admit you to all the rights and privileges belonging to this office.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

As we now welcome you to share in ministry in this Presbytery, we extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

The Moderator, followed by all members of the presbytery will come forward and greet the newly inducted minister by extending the right hand of fellowship.

SIGNING THE FORMULA

When members of presbytery have returned to their seats, the Moderator says:

Hannah, in signing The Formula, you testify that you adhere to those things declared and required in the Preamble and Questions at the ordination or induction of a minister. Please come forward and sign the document.

The clerk directs the newly inducted minister to the table and book reserved for the purpose.

THE CHARGE

The Interim Moderator presents the charge saying:

The Scripture says . . . "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are people to call on one in whom they haven't believed? And how are they to believe in one whom they've never heard of? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? . . . So faith comes from what's heard, and what's heard comes through the word of Christ.

The people say:

Be among us as minister of the Word. Interpret for us the words of Scripture that we may learn to live all of life in the light of the gospel.

The newly inducted minister replies:

I will, God being my helper.

Interim Moderator and minister proceed to the Communion Table where the Clerk of Session presents a communion CUP AND PLATE. The Interim Moderator says:

The Apostle Paul teaches, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

The people say:

Be among us as minister of the Table. Feed us with the bread of Life that we may be united to Jesus Christ and to one another.

The newly inducted minister replies:

I will, God being my helper.

The Clerk of Presbytery presents a copy of THE BOOK OF FORMS to the minister.

The Interim Moderator will say:

We present to you *The Book of Forms*, which sets forth the law and practice of the Church. Use it wisely. "God isn't a God of disorder but of peace . . . so all things should be done decently and in good order."

The people say:

Be among us as a member of the Presbytery of Hamilton and the moderator of our Session. Help us to work in harmony with one another and within The Presbyterian Church in Canada as together we share in Christ's mission to the world.

The newly inducted minister says:

I will, God being my helper.

The Interim Moderator says to the minister:

Hannah, in word and symbol, you've been charged to take up your holy ministry in this place and among these people. As you do, remember that you're not alone: For we are with you - and so is the Lord our God.

The Interim Moderator presents the minister to the congregation saying:

Members and adherents of the congregation of Central Presbyterian Church, I now present to you your new minister; the Reverend Hannah Lovaglio, minister of Word and Sacraments. Come to her with your problems and your joys. Offer her your support, your prayers, and your help. Remember that, alongside her, you too are ministers; called to use your gifts and your talents for the common good. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." *Rom. 12:1.*

The people say:

We will, God being our helper.

The Interim Moderator will say:

May you all be richly blessed through this covenant you've made here this day, with God - and with one another.

HYMN #461

"Be thou my vision"

The Interim Moderator invites the newly inducted minister to give the benediction:

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Toccata Animato* - L. Smith

Following the Service of Induction, there'll be a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



Service Participants

Interim Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Philip Wilson
Clerk of Presbytery/Guest Preacher: The Rev. Lois Whitwell
Past Moderator of Presbytery: The Rev. Nancy Mostert
Scripture Reader: The Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Clerk of Session: Mark Stupple

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CHORAL OFFERTORY: *Magnificat* - H. W. Sumsion

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scatter'd the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promis'd to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

Today our hearts join in Mary's song of praise

- brave, bold, and beautiful -

for a sure and certain hope,

made possible by the grace of God.

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 - 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/>

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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.***