



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

January 11, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Organist - Emile Swanepoel

Lector - Seke Fowode

Greeters - Judy Johnson & Tracy Woodrow

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Adagio 2nd movement of Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *O Holy Dove Of God Descending*

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*O holy Dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending;
all of our shattered dreams you're mending; Spirit, now live in us.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

All: **God calls us by name because we are beloved.**

God calls us to be a light to the nations.

We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

God's name be praised!

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2. He brings salvation speedy to those who suffer wrong;
he saves the poor and needy, and helps the weak be strong;
they sing who once were sighing, their darkness turned to light,
for they, who once were dying, are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4. All powers shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar.

5. O'er every foe victorious, Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.

PRAYERS 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.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Leader: Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

**All: He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.**

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

**Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:**

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

**I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.**

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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: **What of this new life?**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - In Loving Partnership

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *God of mercy, God of Grace*

Words: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847)
Music: Alfred Whitehead (1887-1974)

*God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of Thy face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill Thy Church with light divine,
and Thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.*

*Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at Thy feet their tribute pay,
and Thy holy will obey.*

*Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love. Amen.*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER 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 - My Song Is Love Unknown

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1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow,
but we made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
the "Crucify" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

* BENEDICTION

You are God's beloved.
Go in the assurance of this love,
to engage the challenges God
sets before us with confidence.
And may God who is the Creator, Christ and Spirit,
go with you, and give you joy and peace, now and always.

POSTLUDE *Presto from Sonata in C minor*

Giovanni Battista Pescetti (1704-c.1766)

*The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the glory of God
and in loving memory of George Watson by Jim Watson.*



To God be the glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11 11 11 with refrain

G /B D 7 G /B D G

1. To God be the glo - ry, who great things has done!
 2. Oh per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3. Great things God has taught us, great things God has done

C G (/B) A9 ((C#) D

God so loved the world!—free - ly send - ing the Son,
 to eve - ry be - liev - er the pro - mise of God,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

7 G /B D 7 G /B D G

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 that when the of - fen - der, re - pent - ing, be - lieves,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

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To the lost, Christ shows his face;

Em 7 Bm G Am C/6 Em (C/F)

to the un - loved, he gives his em - brace;

G (C6/E Bm/D) D/C G/B D7 G Am Em D Em

to those who cry in pain or dis - grace, Christ

D (Cmaj7) Bm7 Em C6 Am7 Cmaj7 Dsus4 - 3

makes, with his friends, a touch - ing place,

G7 Csus2 C6 G/D D G/D D7 G

and give God the glo - ry, who great things has done.

In loving partnership

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1. In lov - ing part - ner - ship we come,
 2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,
 3. Lov - ing com - mu - ni - ty we seek;
 4. In lov - ing part - ner - ship, O God,

seek - ing, O God, your will to do.
 serv - ing by grace each oth - er's need.
 your hope and strength with - in us move.
 help us your fu - ture to pro - claim.

Our prayers and ac - tions now re - ceive;
 We dare to risk and sac - ri - fice
 The poor and rich, the strong and weak
 Jus - tice and peace be our de - sire,

we free - ly of - fer them to you.
 with truth - ful word - and faith - ful deed.
 are brought to - geth - er in your love.
 we hum - bly pray in Je - sus' name.

Guitar Chords: D, A7/C#, D, G, Em6/G, D, D/F#, G, G6, D/F#, Em7, A7/E, D, G, F#sus4 - 3, Bm, Asus4 - 3, D (maj7), G/B, A, G, D/F#, A7/E, D, A, 7, D

Words: Jim Strathdee (1941-) Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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Welcome to Central. If you're new today, we're glad you've come.

We're a community seeking to live with courage, kindness, and grace. We don't have all the answers, but we trust God is with us as we learn and grow together. 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).

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/





Come Sing With Us . . .

Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central! The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry. We also welcome additional singers to join us temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons.

For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at music@cpchamilton.ca

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, January 11, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Monday, January 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Tuesday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, January 15, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. | H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, January 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m. | Session Meeting |
| ~ Sunday, January 25, 3:00 p.m. | Music@Central: Jonathan Oldengarm & Charlton String Quartet |
| ~ Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |

Sermon Notes



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 contact information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office. This is very important in keeping our church records up to date in preparation of the 2025 income tax receipts.



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/>

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



**For the grace
of God has
appeared that
offers salvation
to all people.**

Titus 2:11



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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.***