



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
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

January 18, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Organist - Emile Swanepoel

Lector - Judy Johnson

Greeters - Cathy Keith & Alex Prince

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *From God I will not stray*

Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Behold The Lamb Of God*

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Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

O Lord, open our eyes,

So that we may behold your presence.

O Lord, open our ears,

So that we may hear your call to follow.

O Lord, open our hearts,

So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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.**

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 40:1-11 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.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 92)

John 1:29-42

SERMON: **The Testimony of Another**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Sapientia (O Wisdom)*

Words: The Right Reverend Charles William Stubbs (1845 – 1912)

Music: T. Tertius Noble (1867 –1953)

*O Wisdom! Spirit of the Holy God,
Effulgent glory of Eternal Light,
Thou orderest all things, O divinest Might,
Strong wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.*

*O sovereign Lord, thou master of our souls,
Inspire, – we pray Thee by Thy Human Name, –
our feeble will with Love's perpetual flame,
And hold the wheels of Life with strong control.*

*O steadfast Spirit of the Holy God,
Be near us, guide us this and every day
With saving hand along Thy marvellous way,
Fair Wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.*

* 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 - May The Mind Of Christ My Saviour

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary*

John James (d. 1745)



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.

Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8 7 8 7

E♭ (Fm/E♭E♭maj7) A♭/E♭ (E♭maj7Fm/E♭E♭) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) E♭/G Fm7 (E♭/G) B♭



1. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, and com - pan - ions on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;



A♭ E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ A♭/C (B♭6 A♭6 E♭/G) Fm (E♭/G Fm/A♭) Cm A♭6 B♭7 E♭



- pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.
 we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor - row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



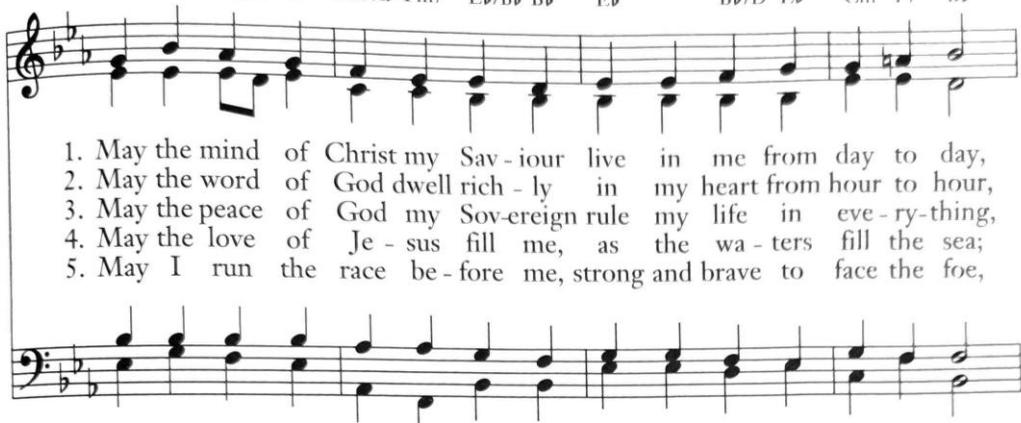
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

May the mind of Christ my Saviour

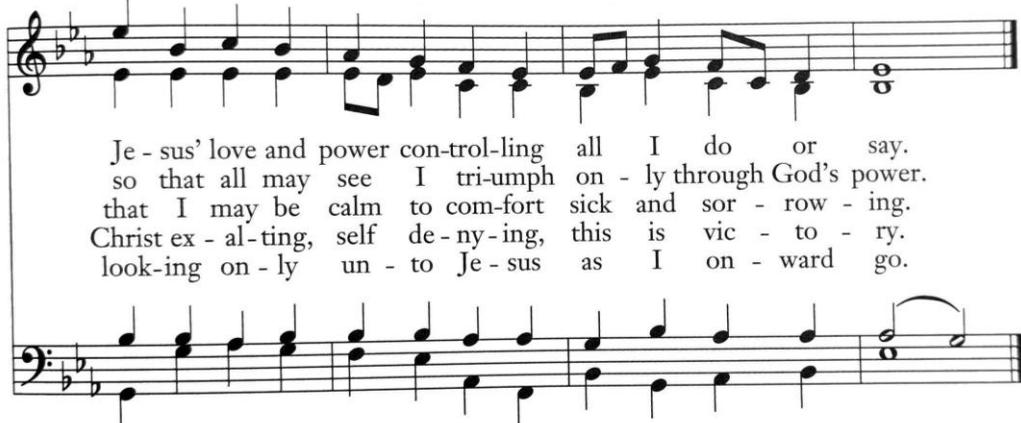
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E♭ /G B♭7/F E♭ Fm/Ab Fm7 E♭/B♭ B♭ E♭ B♭/D E♭ Cm F7 B♭



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-our live in me from day to day,
 2. May the word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3. May the peace of God my Sov-ereign rule my life in eve-ry-thing,
 4. May the love of Je-sus fill me, as the wa-ters fill the sea;
 5. May I run the race be-fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,

E♭/G A♭ E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ Fm/Ab Fm7 E♭/B♭ /G A♭6 B♭7 E♭sus4-3



Je-sus' love and power con-trol-ling all I do or say.
 so that all may see I triumph on-ly through God's power.
 that I may be calm to com-fort sick and sor-row-ing.
 Christ ex-al-ting, self de-ny-ing, this is vic-to-ry.
 look-ing on-ly un-to Je-sus as I on-ward go.

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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, January 18, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Monday, January 19, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Tuesday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m. | Session Meeting |
| ~ Thursday, January 22, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. | H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, January 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ 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) |

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/>



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

"The whole Gospel of John was written for no other reason than to reveal Jesus to us, to provide a space for us to encounter him in his full identity. The author clearly tells you in John 20:31 (probably the original ending of the Gospel): 'But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.'"

- from Reading John for Dear Life by Jaime Clark-Soles

Sermon Notes



Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*



The power of the future lies not in the hands of those who believe in scarcity, but of those who trust God's abundance.

Walter Brueggemann (1933 – 2025), scholar, theologian

 The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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Minister – The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Pastoral Care – The Rev. Lois Whitwell
Minister Emeritus – The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Coordinator of Discipleship – Michael Lovaglio
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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.***