



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 25, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Elsje Zwart

Greeters – Gloria Gavin & Jean Williams

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary in D Major*

J. Bennett

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

52 vs. 1, 5

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace, how pleasant, Lord, they be!*

*How blest are they that in thy house forever give thee praise.
Blest are all those whose strength thou are, in whose heart are thy ways.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and salvation.

All: **We will not be afraid.**

Behold the beauty of the Lord!

God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

Let God's people shout for joy!

For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

* HYMN – Morning Has Broken

814 (see pg. 5)

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

Psalm 29:1-9 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. 3)

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON: **Specific to you**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Will You Come And Follow Me

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O For A Closer Walk*

C. V. Stanford

*O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads to the Lamb!*

Return, O holy Dove, return!

*Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road,
That leads me to the Lamb.*

* 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 – Oh For A World Where Everyone

730 (see pg. 9)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Trumpet of the Morning*

F. Ritter



*The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the glory of God
and in recognition of Robbie Burns Day.*

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.

Morning has broken

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D

Descant (vocalized)

Ah...

Unison C /B Am /G DmF G C6 /D Fm Am

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new - fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light; mine is the morn - ing; born of the

C/E F 6 G6 Am Dm7 G Em Am Dm Em

spo - ken like the first bird; praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass; praise for the sweet - ness, praise for the
 one light E - den saw play; praise with e - la - tion; praise eve - ry

Am DmF Em/G C/E Dm7 G 7 C(sus4-2-3)

morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 morn - ing, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

The Church

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The love of God comes close

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G Em G/B C6 D G C/E C G/D D7 G

1. The love of God comes close where stands an o - pen door,
2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,
3. The joy of God comes close where faith en - coun - ters fears,
4. The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,
5. The Son of God comes close where peo - ple praise his name,

G Em C6 D G C/E C G/D D7 G

to let the stran - ger in, to min - gle rich and poor.
for - go - ing lives of ease to ease the lives for - lorn.
where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears.
when hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.
where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.

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D/F# G Em G/B C G D G/B C/E G/D D/C G/B

The love
 The peace
 The joy of God is here to stay, em - brac-ing those who
 The grace
 The Son

D7/A G D /C G/B D G C G/D D 7 G

walk the Way; the
 love
 peace
 joy of God is here to stay.
 grace
 Son

Will you come and follow me

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Unison F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3

1. Will you come and fol - low me
 2. Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind-ed see
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide
 5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 (C11) F

Will you go where you don't know
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free
 Will you quell the fear in - side
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb6 Csus4 - 3

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com-pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

Peace

730

Oh for a world where everyone

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GB G D G D7 Em D G D7/F# G D

1. Oh for a world where eve - ry - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2. Oh for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5. Oh for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

G /B C G/D D7 G

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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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/

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/>

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, January 25, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, January 25, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Jonathan Oldengarm & Charlton String Quartet**
- ~ Monday, January 26, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. **H.O.O.T.C. Café** (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Tuesday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m. **Central Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Thursday, January 29, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, January 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Friday, January 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Youth Group: “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop”**
- ~ Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. **Session Meeting**
- ~ Sunday, February 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Youth: Super Bowl Party at Rev. Hannah’s home**
- ~ Monday, February 16, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Family Day Concert**
- ~ Sunday, February 22 after worship **Central’s Annual Meeting**
- ~ Sundays in March, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John**

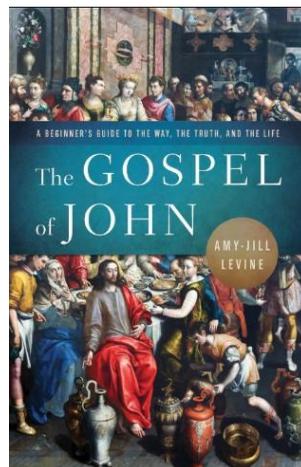


- Ash Wednesday Service** ~ February 18 at 10:30 a.m.
- Palm Sunday Service** ~ March 29 at 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Service** ~ April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Service** ~ April 3 at 10:30 a.m.
- Good Friday Choir Concert** ~ April 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday** ~ April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Book Study:

You are invited to participate in studying the Gospel of John for the 5 weeks in March from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Allan Room before the worship service.

Rev. Hannah will lead the discussion based on the commentary The Gospel of John by Amy-Jill Levine. Please order your copy of the book with Helena in the office by February 17th. The books cost \$10 but let us know if that is prohibitive. (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0)



"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*

**For if eagerness
is there, the gift is
acceptable according
to what one has—not
according to what
one does not have.**

2 Corinthians 8:12



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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.***