



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

February 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Colleen Yu

Greeters – Jim & Valery Dunlop

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Organ Voluntary XIV*

A. W. Leupold

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding*

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*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of glory rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

All: We praise God's holy name!

The Spirit of God empowers us to do justice and calls us together in equity.

We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.

The Christ of glory shines in this place.

We praise God's holy name!

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise

Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
God revealed by guiding star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

2. God revealed at Jordan's stream

God's beloved Son supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your power manifest,
God revealed in works divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

3. God revealed in making whole

weakened limbs and fainting soul,
God revealed in valiant fight
quelling all the devil's might,
God revealed in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

4. Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
your transfigured glory saw;
from that place you went with them
steadfast to Jerusalem;
cross and Easter day attest
God in Christ made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,

mirrored in your holy word;
may we imitate you still
and obey your perfect will,
that we like to you may be,
at your great Epiphany:
may your glory be confessed,
God in Christ made manifest.

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.**

* HYMN – Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him

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1. Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance hath he made.

2. Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation
laud and magnify his name.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

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. 18)

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON: **Can We Always Be This Close**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Swiftly Pass The Clouds Of Glory

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THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY O Nata Lux from *Lux Aeterna*

M. Lauridsen

*O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.*

O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones,
Grant us to be made members of your holy body.

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

As intercessions are offered, you are invited to respond:

God of the human family,

Hear our prayers for your world.

The prayer concludes together...

**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 - I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *At Length There Dawns The Glorious Day*

- J. Mansfield, based on
St. Michel's tune from W. Gawler's *Hymns and Psalms*, 1789

*As the postlude is offered,
you may stay and receive the music,
or go and bless the world God loves.*



Swiftly pass the clouds of glory

GENEVA 8787D

Unison Fm Gm7b5 C7 /E Fm Db Bbm7 /G Csus4-3

1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav-en's voice, the daz - zling light;
 2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and keep its truth,
 3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est light that shines

Fm Gm7b5 C7 /E Fm Db Fm/C C7 Fm

Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
 not by build - ing on the moun - tain an - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
 and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions to the shape of your de - signs,

F Dm Gm7 /D C7 /E F Dm Bb Gm7 Csus4-3

Pe - ter, James and John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
 but by fol - low - ing the Sav - iour through the val - ley to the cross
 till we seek no oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill

F Dm Gm7 /D C7 /E F (/A) Dm7 F/C C7 F

down - ward toward the shad - oved val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
 and by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain and loss.
 and our liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

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I, the Lord of sea and sky

HERE I AM, LORD 14 11 14 11 with refrain (8 9 8 9)

G Am G C/G G D/F#

* 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 /B C /B Am F#m/G D D/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them: they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

G Am/G G C/G G D/F#

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7/B Am/C/B Am G/B Am7/C Dsus4-3

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

* Verses may be sung by a soloist

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 harmony, Michael Pope, John Weissrock

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Refrain /F# G Gsus G /B (Am7) G C/E /D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

Cmaj7/G Am G/B Am/C Dsus /F# D7

heard you call-ing in the night; I will

G Gsus G C/E /D G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G Fine

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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/

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 Calendar

- ~ Sunday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Sunday, February 15 after worship
- ~ Monday, February 16, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- ~ Monday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.
- ~ Tuesday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Wednesday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Thursday, February 19, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, February 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, February 22 after worship
- ~ Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Sundays in March, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Sunday, March 1, 3:00 p.m.
- ~ Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

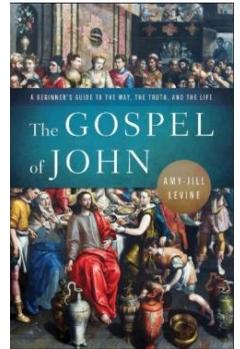
- Sunday Worship Service**
- Pancake Brunch**
- H.O.O.T.C. Café** (Fellowship Hall)
- Music@Central: Family Day Concert**
- Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service**
- H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go** (Forecourt)
- Central Choir Rehearsal**
- Luncheon & Central's Annual Meeting**
- Small Group Study** (Guild Room)
- Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John**
- Music@Central: Beth Horst and Marianna Chibotar**
- Session Meeting**



- 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)



Small Group Invitation: CPCs long-running study group will start a new series on Thursday, February 26th at 7:30pm in the Guild Room. Meeting bi-weekly, alternating between Zoom and in-person, Elsie Zwart and Michael Lovaglio will lead the group through Alistair Begg's "God of the Ordinary: A Study in the Book of Ruth." An ethically and narratively consequential oft overlooked Book, Ruth is both an immigration narrative and a home coming, a story of vulnerability laid bare and power yielded by choice; all of it leading to the Cross. The new series is a welcome opportunity to join the group. For more information, please contact Elsie at zwartelsje@gmail.com.

The principle of transfiguration says nothing, no one and no situation, is “untransfigurable,” that the whole of creation, nature, waits expectantly for its transfiguration, when it will be released from its bondage and share in the glorious liberty of the children of God, when it will not be just dry inert matter but will be translucent with divine glory.

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*

Sermon Notes



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*

**There is no exercise better for
the heart than reaching down
and lifting people up.**

John Holmes (1904 – 1962), poet, professor



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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.***