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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 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Emily Gayle Aitken

Greeters – Judy Johnson & Shirley Fredlander

**A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!**

*We offer a staffed nursery throughout the service for our young ones up to age 4.*

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Forty Days and Forty Nights* M. Herbst, Arr. by J. Mansfield (Tune: Heinlein)

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Throughout These Lenten Days And Nights* 196 vs. 1

*Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When celebration was threatened and shame stood at the door,

All: **Christ acted to preserve dignity.**

When joy seemed ready to collapse,

**Grace overflowed.**

The God we worship restores what has been diminished.

**We come to worship the God who protects joy and renews community.**

\* HYMN – Holy, Holy, Holy

299 (see pgs. 6-7)

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 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest;  
take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly re stored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalm 36** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SENDING THE CHILDREN

348 v. 1

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*At this time, 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.*

SERMON: **The First Sign**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Living Faith 8.1.3**

**Life in Christ brings joy, liberty, glory.  
But it also brings conflict  
with unbelief, fear, and temptation.  
Throughout our lives  
we struggle with disheartening difficulties.  
Yet the Holy Spirit helps us  
and gives us power to grow in Christ.  
While we are far from perfect  
yet our lives can be pleasing to God  
and helpful to others.**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

\* HYMN – For The Fruits Of All Creation

802 (see pg. 8)

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head* Melody from Supplement to Kentucky  
Harmony, 1820, Arr. by D. N. Johnson  
**Sara Traficante, flute**

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred head With thorns was pierced for me;  
O pour thy blessing on my head That I may think for thee.*

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands With nails were pierced for me;  
O shed thy blessing on my hands, That they may work for thee.*

*O dearest lord, thy sacred feet With nails were pierced for me;  
O pour thy blessing on my feet That they may follow thee.*

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart With spear was pierced for me:  
O pour thy Spirit in my heart That I may live for thee. Amen, Amen.*

\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

205 vs. 6

***All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad,  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.***

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 - Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

2. All with in that holy city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pour perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy faithful loving kindness,

hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.

4. Here bestow on all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Melody by H. L. Hassler, Arr. by M. Gaspard

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



*The flowers are placed in the chancel today to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Jim & Myrna Eoel's parents, and sisters and brothers.*

## Holy, holy, holy

Descant

NICAEA 11 12 12 10

4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 D Bm A 7 D G (A9/C) (A9/G) D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
 A/C# D A/C# Bm E/B A/C# D A/E E7 A 7

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,  
 though our eyes in sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

## French

- Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;  
 que ton nom soit exalté sur terre et dans les cieux!  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,  
 Pour ton amour, pour tes dons merveilleux!
- Gloire, gloire, gloire, redisent les anges,  
 joignant leurs sublimes voix au choeur mélodieux:  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, des chants, des louanges,  
 partout frémit l'immensité des cieux.

## Mandarin

Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi, quán néng dà zhǔ zǎi!  
 Qīng chén wǒ zhòng gē shēng huān shēng shàng dà tiān tīng.  
 Shèng zāi, shèng zāi, shèng zāi! Cí běi quán néng zhù zǎi!  
 Zàn měi sǎn yī Shén, Fù, Zǐ yǔ Shèng Líng!

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

D Bm A 7 D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D/F# D7/F# G D 7 G Em/G A7 D

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

3. Gloire, gloire, gloire, victoire, espérance,  
 les saints et les bienheureux proclament tous en chœur:  
 gloire, gloire, gloire, Dieu de toute grâce;  
 de nos péchés tu es libérateur.

4. Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;  
 toute la création chante à notre Rédempteur:  
 Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,  
 au Père, au Fils, au Saint Consolateur.

## For the fruits of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS 12 12 8 8 12

F /A Bb F/A Gm /Bb C Am Bbsus2-1 C6 7 F



1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to eve - ry na - tion,
2. In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neigh - bour,
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all in - her - it,



Bb/DF Bb/D F/A Bb Cm Bb/D Dm Gm F/A Bb6 Dm Gmsus9/Bb F/C C



for the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
in our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,  
for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



F/A Bb F Gm /Bb C Am Bbsus2-1 C6 7 F



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



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We commend to God the life of Waldemar Scholtes, the father of Marcus Scholtes, who died on February 14, 2026. We hold Marcus, Sharon, Tristan, Lana and their family and loved ones in our prayers.

**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](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/)

**Congregational Givings**

*OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central*

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Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit [cpchamilton.ca/giving](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving) Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office.





**Sundays** ~ 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.

### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Sunday, February 22 after worship
- ~ Monday, February 23, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- ~ Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.
- ~ Thursday, February 26, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, February 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- ~ 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**
- Luncheon & Central's Annual Meeting**
- H.O.O.T.C. Café** (Fellowship Hall)
- Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go** (Ramp Door)
- Central Choir Rehearsal**
- Small Group Study** (Guild Room)
- Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John**
- Music@Central: Beth Horst and Marianna Chibotar**
- Session Meeting**

**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, Elsje 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 Elsje at [zwartelsje@gmail.com](mailto:zwartelsje@gmail.com).



**Invitation to Societus Vicorum:** CPC is excited to announce a new discussion group starting Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Entitled Societus Vicorum, the group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Guild Room. Our first few books will engage with faith and politics, starting with N.T. Wright and Michael F Bird's *Jesus and the Powers: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies*. For more information, please contact Michael Lovaglio at [michael@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:michael@cpchamilton.ca).

"Greek has two words for time: *chronos* (as in chronology) is clock time, or lunchtime, or cocktail hour. *Kairos* is opportune time, not just moment, but momentous. *Kairos* is opportune time, not just moment, but momentous. In John's Gospel, the two types of time intertwine. When we look at a watch, or a clock, or when someone asks, "What time is it?" the Gospel suggests that each minute could be not just *chronos* but *kairos*. Just as reading John's Gospel brings new sensations to taste and touch, so it brings new meaning to time. It gives every day, every hour, new meaning; it makes time count."

- Amy-Jill Levine, *The Gospel of Jesus* pg. 15

## 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*

**Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices**

*Martin Rinkart (1586 – 1649), clergyman, hymnist*



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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.***