



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 HAMILTON

February 8, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Dr. Hubert DeBruin

Greeters – Pam & Lee Carpenter

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Larghetto*, from the Sonata in G Major

B. Galuppi

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

416 vs. 1 & 3

*1. Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our minds and wills be stirred
now to love you and revere you;
by your teachings true and holy
drawn from earth to love you solely.*

*3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light, from God proceeding,
open now each mind and heart;
help us by the Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Called to be light,

**All: we would carry God's hope into
the shadows of the world.**

Called to be salt,

**we would enhance the lives
of those around us, with joy.**

Called to live in God's reality,

**we would welcome everyone
as siblings in faith.**

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

2. Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.

Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

God will show us the way to God's realm.

Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation!

God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

THE PEACE: May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 112 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. 4)

Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON: *Two Examples*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Take My Life, And Let It Be Consecrated

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1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days:
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold:
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE OFFERING

*For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.
I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.*

*And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal,
proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,
and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.*

*Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,
that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,
following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.*

* 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

**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 - Lord Of Light, Whose Name And Splendour

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Dialogue en Ré majeur*

C. Balbastre

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



Arise, your light is come

FESTAL SONG 12 14

Descant

4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up! Rise

A D A D A E/B B7 E

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
 3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

A E/G# D/F# A/E Bm/D B7/D# E A/C# D A/C# Esus4-3 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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769 Lord of light, whose name and splendour

BETHANY (SMART) 8 7 8 7 D

E \flat A \flat E \flat /G B \flat 6 C \flat A \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat /A \flat E \flat /G E \flat

1. Lord of light, whose name and splendour far out-shine the
 2. By the faithful-ness of workers serving you in
 3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet might
 4. By prayers of faithful watch-ers, never silent

E \flat /G A \flat 6 B \flat E \flat C \flat B \flat /D B \flat 6 C \flat F7 B \flat sus4-3

suns of space, deign to make us your co-workers
 eve-ry field; by the courage where the radiance
 hum-bly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hal-low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je-sus bring-ing

B \flat /A \flat E \flat /G A \flat /C E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat /D F \flat sus4-3

in the kingdom of your grace; use us to ful-
 of the cross is still re-vealed; by the vic-to-
 with your char-i-ty our zeal; lift all na-tions
 peace to all, and heal-ing light; by the love that

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Eb/G Cn/A Eb/Bb Bb /D Bb7 Eb6 Bb/F F7 Bb

fil your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son:
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - fering won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es know - ledge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb Ab/C Bb7/D Ebsus4-3 Ab C7 Fm Eb/G Ab6 Bb7 Eb

Ab - ba, as in high - est heav - en so on earth your will be done.

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/

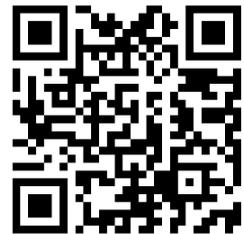
Congregational Givings

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

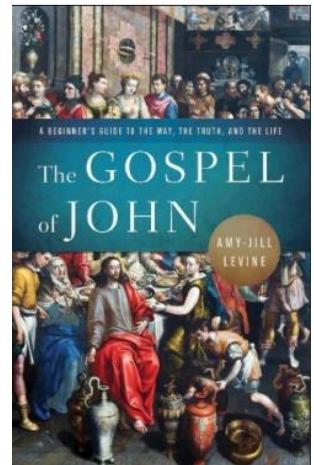
- ~ Sunday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, February 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Youth: Super Bowl Party at Rev. Hannah's home**
- ~ Monday, February 9, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. **H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall)**
- ~ Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. **Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)**
- ~ Thursday, February 11, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Forecourt)**
- ~ Thursday, February 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Sunday, February 15 after worship **Pancake Brunch**
- ~ Monday, February 16, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Family Day Concert**
- ~ Sunday, February 22 after worship **Luncheon & Central's Annual Meeting**
- ~ Sundays in March, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John**
- ~ Sunday, March 1, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central: Beth Horst and Marianna Chibotar**
- ~ Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. **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)



First of all, Jesus is telling us who we are. We *are* salt. We are not “supposed to be” salt, or “encouraged to become” salt, or promised that “*if* we become” salt, God will love us more. The language Jesus uses is 100 percent descriptive; it’s a statement of our identity. We are the salt of the earth. We are that which enhances or embitters, soothes or irritates, melts or stings, preserves or ruins. For better or for worse, we are the salt of the earth, and what we do with our saltiness matters. It matters a lot. Whether we want to or not, whether we notice or not, whether we’re intentional about it or not, we impact the world we live in.

– from Debie Thomas, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ*

Sermon Notes



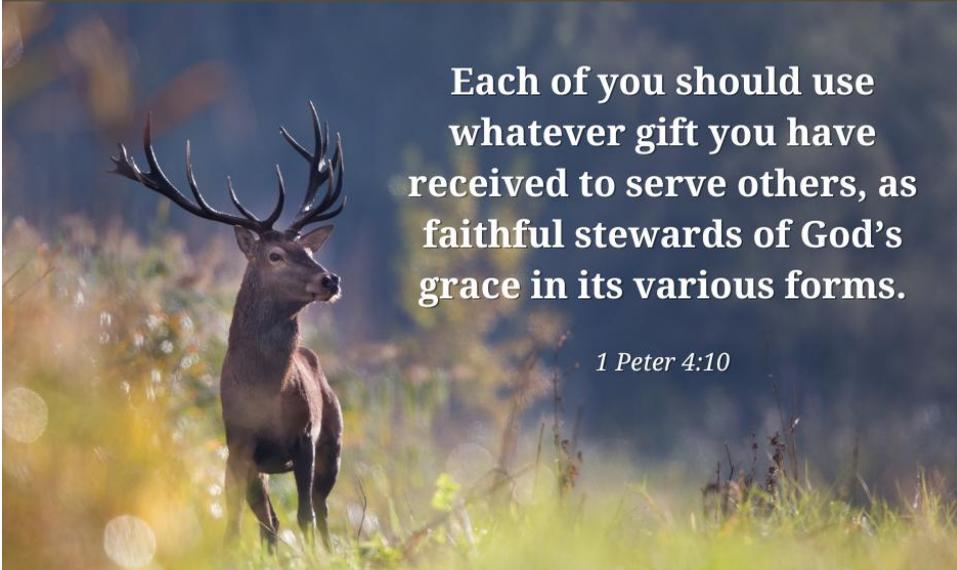
Central Presbyterian Church - Land Acknowledgement *

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*



Each of you should use
whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as
faithful stewards of God's
grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



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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.***