



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

March 1, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship and Communion Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Kristel Forcier
Greeters – Jim & Una Gillespie

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

*During the second hymn, children are invited to join our Faith Finders,
a program for children SK – Grade 8 in the downstairs HUB area.*

Children will return to the Sanctuary prior to Communion.

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.

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ ("Alone To You, Lord Jesus Christ")* J. P. Sweelinck,
based on the tune by Konrad Hubert

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Throughout These Lenten Days And Nights*

196 vs. 2

*The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his rising hour.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF MAY MORGAN AS ELDER EMERITUS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,
All: and God's truth opens our eyes.

Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ,
and God's love brings healing and hope.

Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,
and God's people are born from above.

We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.
Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.

* HYMN – I Come With Joy

530 (see pg. 9)

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 – Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus

348 (see pgs. 10-11)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 93)

John 3:1-17

SERMON: **Not to Condemn.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – Just As I Am, Without One Plea

682 vs. 1-4

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee I find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Why Art Thou So Heavy, O My Soul?*

J. Loosemore

*Why art thou so heavy, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God, For I will yet give him thanks,
which is the help of my countenance and my God, 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.*

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

* HYMN - Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

543 (vs. 1-3) (see pgs. 12-13)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

You went into the shadows of nothingness,
bearing your Light of creation, Keeper of all,
so that life might burst forth where there was none:

white sands at the edge of blue green seas,
shale formed under the crust of the earth,
warm mornings and frigid nights to mark the seasons.

You blessed your children with creation's gifts
so we might prove to be a blessing to others,
but we watched the comings and goings
of sin and death, allowing ourselves
to be blown about by them.

Prophets responded to your call to them,
daring to bring us those words we did not want to hear,
calling us back to a way of life we had abandoned,
 but we knew that we preferred life
 in the absence of your presence.
For this reason, you sent Jesus into the world,
so that we, along with all creation, might be saved.

With those who toss and turn in the night,
with those who have responded to your call,
we lift our thanksgivings to you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy One, you are the God of blessings,
and Jesus Christ is your Faithful One.
The One who could truly boast,
 he humbled himself to become like us.
The One who was truly righteous,
 he emptied himself to fill us with grace.
The One who had spoken life into existence,
 he embraced death on the cross,
 so that we might be justified
 through your grace and wonder.

As we continue on the journey to Jerusalem,
as we seek to leave our comfortable lives to follow,
we would talk about that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

What then are we to say, Keeper of our lives?
It is your Spirit poured out upon us
and upon the gifts of the Table
which brings us new life.
It is the brokenness of the bread
which gives us life, that life
 poured out for those who have no hope,
 for those who wander in the shadows.

It is the grace of the cup
which overflows with your gifts,
 so we might go to be a blessing
 to all forsaken by the world.

And when our journey has ended
and we find ourselves in that land
which you have prepared for us,
we will sing our glad songs to you forever,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

831

**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 debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors,
As we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen**

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

**Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit,
you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.
We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it.
We have seen your love, so send us out to show it.
We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it.
And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free.
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ricercar del nono duono*

J. P. Sweelinck

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



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.



Communion

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I come with joy

DOVE OF PEACE 8 6 8 6 6

Unison

F

Gm7

Am

Bbsus2

F/C

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but that
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

Dm

C/E

F

Bbmaj7

C6

Dm7

F/A

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Bb6

Am7

(F/A)

Bb

C

9

(C7)

F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Tell me the stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS 84845454

Unison (Optional S.A.)

C /G C /G G/D G C

1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear,
 2. First, let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,
 3. Tell me a-bout the dis - ci - ples from far and near,
 4. Tell me, in ac-cents of won - der, how rolled the sea,
 5. In - to the ci - ty I'd fol - low the chil-dren's band,

C /G C A/C# G/D D7 G

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
 and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me:
 and I will lis - ten a - mong them ea - ger to hear.
 toss-ing the boat in a tem - pest on Gal - i - lee,
 wav-ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

G7 C6 C C9 (Am/C C7) A7C# Dm

scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,
 words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,
 Whose loaves and fish - es did Je - sus bless,
 and how the Mas - ter, read - y and kind,
 one of his her - alds, yes, I would sing

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G7 Am dim 7 C/G G7 C
 sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.
 all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.
 show - ing the peo - ple God's ten - der - ness?
 chid - ed the bil - lows and hushed the wind.
 loud - est ho - san - nas: Je - sus is King!

Here, O my Lord, I see thee

LANGRAN 10 10 10 10

F /A B♭ F /C C7 F

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2. Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4. Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5. We have no help but thine, nor do we need

F G/F C/E F C/E Dm G7 C

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 an - oth - er arm but thine to lean up - on;

F/A B♭ F/A C7/G F B♭6 maj7 C

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 here let us feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,
 it is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;

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F F7/A Bb Bbdim F/A Gm F/C C7 F

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 this fel - low - ship in thee, our liv - ing bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 our strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.

6. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood.
 Here is my robe, my refuge and my peace,
 thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

May Morgan - Elder Emeritus

Having been born, raised and educated in Scotland, May came to Canada in 1966 with her husband and two little girls. Arriving in Hamilton, she first belonged to Eastmount Presbyterian Church before moving into the city centre where a friend invited her to Central. May joined Central in 1982 where she became active in the Worship and Music committee, and helped with the Gaudeamus. May was ordained an Elder in 1995. May initiated Central's participation in HOOTC when she saw an article in the Spectator, and she and Mary Smith got it up and running at the start (these were the days when it involved a full sit-down meal for over 100 guests, along with sleeping accommodations in the hall and breakfast for those who needed that too). May's marriage to Jim Morgan in 2013 was here at Central, and May was still an active elder and volunteer, preparing meals for Charlton Club every week (while she put Jim to work setting up tables, and cleaning up afterwards). Perhaps May's greatest gift is her pastoral care and love for all in this community in the name of Jesus Christ. After 30 years of leadership on Session, May retired as an active elder in 2025.

The March edition of the CONTACT Newsletter and the 2024 Annual Reports with an updated church directory are ready. If you have not yet received a copy, there are copies available in the Narthex. Please contact your elder or Helena in the office, if you would like a copy and are not able to come to church in person.

Invitation to Societus Vicorum: CPC is excited to announce a new discussion group starting Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. Entitled Societus Vicorum, the group will decide on when it will regularly meet at their first gathering. 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.



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

~ Sundays in March, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 ~ Sunday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.
 ~ Sunday, March 1, 3:00 p.m.
 ~ Monday, March 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 ~ Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.
 ~ Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 a.m.
 ~ Thursday, March 5, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
 ~ Thursday, March 5, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
 ~ Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.
 ~ Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John
Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service
Music@Central: Beth Horst and Marianna Chibotar
H.O.O.T.C. Café (Fellowship Hall)
Session Meeting
Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
H.O.O.T.C. Meals To Go (Ramp Door)
Central Choir Rehearsal
Music@Central: Marcus Scholtes & Ben Smith
Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

In addition to our Maundy Thursday Service on April 2nd (see above), you are invited to join a group from Central to hear **Kate Bowler** at Hot Docs Theater in Toronto ([Kate Bowler with Rick Mercer: Joyful, Anyway | Hot Docs](#) – <https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/films/kate-bowler>). Rev. Lois Whitwell will lead our Maundy Thursday service here at Central, and Rev. Hannah Lovaglio will lead the group to hear Kate's talk. Either way, we'll be together as a community, mindful Jesus' last meal with his closest friends, and his mandate to love as he as loved. If you'd like to attend the Kate Bowler event in Toronto, please let Helena know by noon on Thursday, March 5th (helena@cpchamilton.ca 905-522-9098 ext. 0). Tickets are \$15 and do seem to be limited, but we'll do our best to make sure all who want to attend, can.

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/>



"Nicodemus is thinking literally, and the Johannine Jesus wants him to think metaphorically. Nicodemus thinks one-dimensionally and the Johannine Jesus wants him to think in multiple dimensions.

- Amy-Jill Levine, *The Gospel of Jesus* pg. 26

Sermon Notes



Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**You can't have a
perfect day without
doing something for
someone who'll never
be able to repay you.**

*John Wooden (1910 – 2010),
basketball player and coach*



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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.***