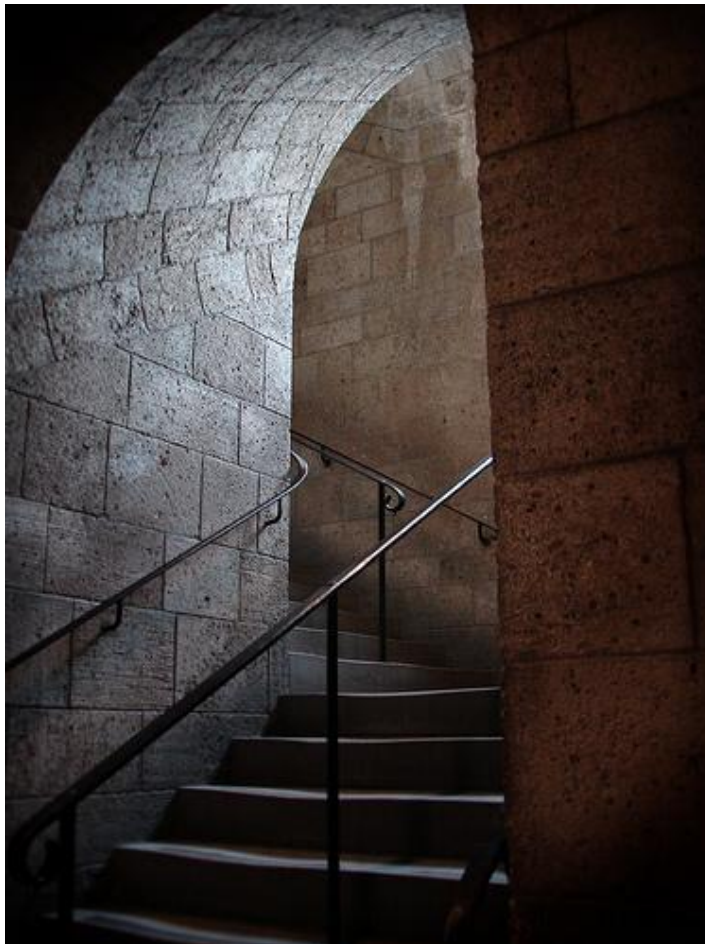


CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

April 2, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
Service of Holy Communion

Word of the day:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' (John 13:34-35).



**Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes**

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this evening!

* *Indicates standing, as you are able.*

Hymns will not be announced – please follow along in your bulletin

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Christe, du Lamm Gottes" (Christ, the Lamb of God) - C. A. Penfield*

GATHERING PRAYER

* HYMN – Man of Sorrows, Wondrous Name 210

WELCOME AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Christ, in your presence we discover who we are.
You wash our feet,
and we learn how reluctant we are to serve one another.
Even as you prepare to give yourself
for the sake of the world,
we are still seeking
our ease and our possessions.**

**Our love is weak
and yet you invite us to eat with you
at the table you provide.
Forgive us and help us to recognize your presence,
that we may find this meal
to be a celebration of joy. AMEN**

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

Holy God - Trisagion

M. Aprahamian

REFLECTION: **It is too late to turn back**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 108)

John 14:1-31

* HYMN – 'Twas on that Night

537 (vs. 1-4)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

For this time and this place
and those around us,
thank you, God

Thank you God.

For freedom to worship
and name you,
thank you, God.

Thank you God.

When we were nothing,
you made us something.
When we had no name
and no faith and no future,
you called us your children.
When we lost our way or turned away,
you did not abandon us.
When we came back to you,
your arms opened wide in welcome.

And now,
you prepare a table for us
offering not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self
so that we may be filled, forgiven,
healed, blessed and made new again.
You are worth all our pain and all our praise.
So now in gratitude,
we join our voices
to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

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

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

And now,
lest we believe
that our praise alone fills your purpose,
we fall silent
and remember him who came
because words were not enough.

Setting our wisdom,
our will,
our words aside,
emptying our hearts,
and bringing nothing in our hands,
we yearn for the healing,
 the holding,
 the accepting,
 the forgiving
which Christ alone can offer.

silence

Merciful God,
send now,
in kindness,
your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let the same Spirit rest on us,
converting us
from the patterns of this passing world,
until we conform to the shape of him
whose food we now share.

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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

HYMN - A New Commandment (sing twice)

225

* HYMN - Take Up Your Cross

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SENDING

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *Gethsemane* - D. Paxton

*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.

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 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.

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 the office (info@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

CPC Statement of Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/

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

Tithes and offerings can be given electronically through Canada Helps website, found using the QR code to the right.



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.

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Stewardship Moment



Like good stewards
of the manifold
grace of God,
serve one another
with whatever gift
each of you has
received.

-1 Peter 4:10

You are invited to Come and See
and celebrate the resurrection along with the Central community on
Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. for the Easter Service of Worship.
The Hamilton Brass Quintet will help bring a joyful noise on Easter Sunday!

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Thursday, April 2, 8:00-9:30 p.m.	Central Choir Rehearsal
~ Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.	Good Friday Service
~ Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Choir Concert
~ Sunday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship Service
~ Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 a.m.	Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)
~ Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
~ Thursday, April 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Small Group Study (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, April 12, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Final Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John
~ Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.	Music@Central: Marcus Scholtes & Ben Smith
~ Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.	Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

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/>

***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.***



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