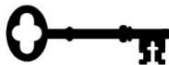




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TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

May 24, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday Worship Service  
New Members Welcome

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio  
Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Lector - Emily Gayle Aitken  
Greeters - Jim & Una Gillespie and Mary Guise

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

*Welcome, Families! We offer a staffed **nursery** throughout the service for young ones up to age 4. Children's bulletins and colouring pages are available on the table in the Sanctuary entryway. Following **God's Word For The Children**, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK - Grade 8 in the downstairs HUB area. Children who attend Faith Finders will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn to receive the blessing alongside the entire congregation.*

*The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honour of  
Pam & Lee Carpenter's 55 years of marriage, a testament to God's faithfulness*

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'*

K. Beaumont

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT O God, Whose Fire Lit The Stars

Hymn 287 vs. 3 & 4

*O Spirit, as at Pentecost you fell, a living flame, and sent the chosen twelve  
abroad the gospel to proclaim: descend on all you call today to serve a servant Lord.  
Ignite their praying hearts till they are burning with your word.*

*Praise God who makes all stars to shine! Praise Christ who conquered night!  
And praise the Spirit by whose gifts our faith will end in sight! Sing praises to the Trinity,  
creation's life and light, one holy fire, a three-fold flame forever burning bright!*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day, may Grace's breath  
shatter the shutters of our hearts.

**All: On this day, may we step out of our fears  
to welcome the new life gifted to us.**

Here, in the midst of our siblings of every age and place,  
may our frozen souls be enflamed by justice's Spirit.

**As we catch a glimpse of the dreams of those around us,  
as we listen to the voices of the oppressed in every language.**

In the days to come, may we speak  
of God's love and the Spirit's peace for all.

**So that people will find a community awaiting them,  
even for those rejected by everyone else.**

\* HYMN – When Morning Gilds The Skies

Hymn 438 (see pgs. 8-9)

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Spirit of God,  
you gathered the disciples together  
and filled ordinary people with courage, hope, and joy.

Gather us now.

Breathe through this church once more,  
through our worship, our service, our care for one another,  
and all the quiet ways your people offer themselves for the life of the world.

Forgive us when we lose sight of your Spirit among us –  
when we cling too tightly to what is comfortable,  
or forget that every gift matters in your kingdom.

Renew us again in your love and purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

**Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life – this day and in all the days to come. Amen. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Glory to God*

Hymn 812

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### Prologue

*(based on Rom. 6: 2-5, 10:9)*

If the confession 'Jesus is Lord' is on your lips,  
and the faith that God raised him from the dead is in your heart,  
you will find salvation.

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

In the one Spirit we were all brought into one body by baptism;  
we were all given that one Spirit to drink.

**When we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus  
we were baptized into his death.**

By that baptism into his death we were buried with him.

**So that as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glorious power of the Father,  
we also might set out on a new life.**

### Profession of Faith

In baptism we become heirs  
of the covenant of grace  
which God has made with us in Jesus Christ.  
We are brought into God's family,  
made members of the Church of Jesus Christ,  
and promised the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Each of you now come of your own choice to acknowledge this covenant of grace,  
to profess publicly your own faith  
in the Lord Jesus,  
and to receive the strengthening  
of the Holy Spirit.

### Renunciation and Affirmation

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God  
who has been faithful to us in all generations,  
do you turn away from sin,  
renounce evil and all powers in the world  
which rebel against God  
or oppose God's rule of justice and love?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin which separate you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
accepting him as Lord and Saviour,  
trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Do you desire, in dependence on the Holy Spirit,  
to mature as a Christian in the church,  
to seek the guidance of Christ as you listen for his Word,  
to celebrate his death and life at the table he provides,  
and to engage in his mission to the world? **I do.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us, with all the people of God, confess the faith of the church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Greeting (unison)

**Come, grow with us into Christ who is our head.  
"There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of us all,  
who is above all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6)**

\* HYMN – Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Hymn 481 (see pg. 10)

### GOD SPEAKS TO US

GOD'S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Hymn 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 119)

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON: **We are the church**

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – We Are One In The Spirit

Hymn 471 (see pgs. 11-12)

THE OFFERING

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CHORAL OFFERING *Jubilate Deo* - J. Sanders

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before His presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the lord he is God: it is He that hath made us, and not ourselves;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:*

*Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name, For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glorify be to the Father, and to the son: and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be: world without end. Amen.*

\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Responses:

Minister: ... Spirit of Power and Promise,

**All: Move within us and renew our faith.**

**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 - Creator God, Creating Still

Hymn 286 (see pg. 13)

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Organ Voluntary on "Sagina" ('And can it be that I should gain God's riches') - N. Williams*

*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](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform the office ([info@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:info@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

Worship

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# When morning gilds the skies

LAUDES DOMINI 666666

Descant

4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,  
4. Qu'en joie comme en dé - tres - se nos chants di - sent sans ces - se:

B $\flat$  Cm7susB $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  Cm7 F7 E $\flat$ /G F7 B $\flat$  F/A Gm7 C Dm7

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ening cries:  
2. To God, the Word, on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:  
1. Quand le so - leil se lè - ve et quand le jour s'a - chè - ve:  
2. Au Cré - a - teur l'ou - vra - ge de ses mains rend hom - ma - ge:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! be this the e - ter - nal song  
bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! Que dans tout les lan - ga - ges

C7/E F B $\flat$  C7sus4-3 F /E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D F7/C B $\flat$  F7/A F6

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals too, up - raise  
bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! Pour dire son al - lé - gres - se  
bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ! L'E - glise en sa pré - sen - ce

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through all the a - ges on, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ce soit le chant des â - ges: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

F/Eb Bb/D Bb C6 - 7 F /Eb Bb/D7/C Bb /Ab Eb/G F7sus4-3 Bb

to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 their voice in hymns of praise; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 mon coeur a Dieu s'a - dres - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!  
 chan - te l'a - mour im - men - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus - Christ!

- 3. Let earth's wide circle round  
 in joyful notes resound:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let earth and sea and sky,  
 from depth to height reply:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4. Be this, while life is mine,  
 my canticle divine:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 be this the eternal song  
 through all the ages on:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

- 3. C'est le choeur des louanges  
 qu'entonnent tous les anges:  
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!  
 Et que la terre entière  
 répète la prière:  
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!
- 4. Qu'en joie comme en détresse  
 nos chants disent sans cesse:  
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!  
 Que dans tous les langages  
 ce soit le chant des âges:  
 béni soit Jésus-Christ!

## Blest be the tie that binds

DENNIS 6 6 8 6 SM

F C 7 F F7 Bb F C

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2. Be - fore our Mak - er's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
 1. Bé - ni soit le li - en qui nous u - nit en Christ,  
 2. Au ciel, vers no - tre Dieu, a - vec joie et fer - veur,

C 7 F C 7 F Bb F Bb F/C C7 F

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 le saint a - mour, l'a - mour di - vin que verse en nous l'Es - prit!  
 s'é - lè - vent nos chants et nos vœux, par - fum doux au Sei - gneur.

4. When we asunder part,  
 it gives us keenest pain,  
 but we shall still be joined in heart,  
 and hope to meet again.

5. This glorious hope revives  
 our courage on the way:  
 in perfect friendship we shall live  
 in God's eternal day.

3. Nous mettons en commun  
 nos fardeaux, nos labeurs;  
 en Jésus nous ne sommes qu'un  
 dans la joie et les pleurs!

4. Si nous devons bientôt  
 quitter ces lieux bénis,  
 nous nous retrouverons là-haut,  
 pour toujours réunis.

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# We are one in the Spirit

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT Irregular with refrain

Fm Cm Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fath - er, from

Cm Fm Bbm

one in the Lord, we are one in the  
 walk hand in hand, we will walk with each  
 work side by side, we will work with each  
 whom all things come, and all praise to Christ

Fm Cm Fm

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -  
 oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll  
 Je - sus, who is God's on - ly Son, and all

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Bbm Cm Fm Cm7

pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re -  
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's  
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

Fm Fm7 Db Cm

stored,  
land,  
pride,  
one,  
and they'll know we are Chris-tians by our

Fm /Eb Db Fm Fm

love, by our love, and they'll know we are

Bbm Cm Fm

Chris - tians by our love.



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## Creator God, creating still

THIS ENDRYS NIGHT 8 6 8 6 CM

D G/B A D G A /G D/F# Dmaj7 G Em Bm

1. Cre - a - tor God, cre - a - ting still by will and word and deed,  
2. Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still with o - ver - flow - ing grace,  
3. Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still with strength for eve - ry day,  
4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day, we need your pres - ence still.

Bm G Em6 D/F# D6 Em 6 F# Bm D/F# Bm G A 7 D

cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.  
pour out your love on us, through us; make this a ho - ly place.  
em - power us now to do your will; cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Alternate tune: Tallis' Ordinal

Words: Genesis 1:2, John 15:26, Titus 2:11-14; paraphrase, Jane Parker Huber (1926-)

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**Membership:** Membership is about committing yourself at this point in your life to journeying toward God in the company of a particular fellowship of God's people. This morning we welcome as members to Central: *Emily Gayle Aitken, Christy Cummings & Rod Erketich, Geoff French, Michael Lovaglio, Jennifer & Sam Salerno, and Kristie Wiedenfeld.* If this congregation is helping and supporting your spiritual journey, you are encouraged to become a member. If you are interested in membership at Central, or would like to know more, please reach out to Rev. Hannah Lovaglio.

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).



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**Virtual Front Porch Initiative:**

Over the next three years, our church is participating in a project to strengthen our digital presence so that our online spaces reflect the warmth and clarity of our in-person community.

Your feedback is an important part of that work. Please take 5 minutes to complete this brief survey. Click here or scan the QR code to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Central-Baseline-June2026>

## 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](mailto: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](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving) (see above for the QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).

### **We need help in the kitchen!**

Every week, we use tea towels in the kitchen and place them in the clothes basket for washing. Occasionally, there are tablecloths as well. Neither requires ironing. We want to get a group of volunteers who are willing to take a basket home each week, wash and fold the laundry and return it. There will be a large enough supply that it doesn't need to be returned during the week; the following Sunday is fine.

We will create a roster, and Mary Guise will email each person to remind them of their week.

If you are willing to do this, please email Mary Guise at [maryguise51@gmail.com](mailto:maryguise51@gmail.com) Or call her at 289-442-5252. Thank you



### **Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity***

**We are surrounded by God's benefits.  
The best use of these benefits is an  
unceasing expression of gratitude.**

*John Calvin (theologian, pastor & reformer)*



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## Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. **Pentecost & New Member Sunday**
- ~ Sunday, May 24, 11:45 a.m. **Garden Activity / The Odyssey Book Club  
for Youth & Faith Finders Gr. 5-8**
- ~ Tuesday, May 26, 10:00 a.m. **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, May 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m. **Kate Bowler Joyful Anyway Book Discussion** (Allan Room)
- ~ Wednesday, May 27, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market** (Forecourt)
- ~ Thursday, May 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Thursday, May 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Small Group Study** (Guild Room)
- ~ Friday, May 29, 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Community BBQ**
- ~ Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. **Session Meeting** (Allan Room)
- ~ Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)

**Kate Bowler's Joyful Anyway Book Discussion on Tuesday, May 26 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.:**  
You are invited to discuss Kate Bowler's new book with Rev. Hannah and others in Central's Allan Room.

All are invited to the **Barbecue Night** on May 29 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. Come on out to enjoy Hotdogs, Burgers, Potluck Saladas and Desserts, and Games. Contact Michael if you have questions (T: 905-522-9098 ext. 4 E: [michael@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:michael@cpchamilton.ca)).

If you would like to dedicate Chancel flowers in memory or honour of a loved one, contact either Johanna DeBruin or Jim Watson from the Flower Committee.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

- Acts 2:1-4

## Sermon Notes:



**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:

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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.***

**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/>

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