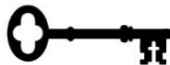




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

July 12, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Lois Whitwell
Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector - Beth Mackay Reilly
Greeters - Beth Mackay Reilly & Emma Reilly McKay
Soprano - Emma Reilly McKay
Flutist - Caroleen Molenaar

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 our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Children who attend Faith Finders will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn to receive the blessing alongside the entire congregation.*

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile - A. Guilmant

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

All: **and a light to our path.**

God's Word is made visible in Christ;

in him we are rooted in truth.

God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;

and lived out in faithful service.

Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

We wait to receive the Word of Life.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

God of wisdom,

You are the light of the minds that know you,
the strength of those who serve you,
and rest for those who seek you.

God of growth,

you sow and you gather,
you tend and you prune,
you judge and you save.

God who gives us life,

we come to you in worship,
to rest from our responsibilities,
to turn from our distractions,
and worship you as Creator, Christ and Spirit,
this day and always.

To begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins:

Faithful God,

you have planted the seeds of faith in us,

but we confess we have too often not trusted you.

**We fail to keep studying the wisdom of your word,
satisfied instead with what we think is true.**

**We consider that we already know enough,
rather than pursuing deeper encounters with you.**

Forgive us, God, when we think you have nothing more to offer us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

GOD'S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

*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.*

Hymn 348 v. 1

* HYMN – Open my eyes

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RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

**it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

SCRIPTURE READING (p.13)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-25

SERMON: **Hearing, Listening, Telling**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – One more step

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THE OFFERING

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



OFFERING SOLO *A Simple Song from Mass*

Lyrics by S. Schwartz and L. Bernstein
Music by L. Bernstein

*Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude...
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, For God is the simplest of all.*

*I will sing the Lord a new song To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live All of my days.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Blessed is the one who praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laude...And walks in His ways.*

*I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord Singing Lauda, Laude
For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day Nor the moon by night.*

*Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, And walks in His ways.
Lauda, Lauda, Laude, All of my days.*

* 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; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.***

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Tender and loving God,
you formed the earth to be a place of joy and abundance
for all your creatures.
For food in all its variety
and the people who grow it, transport it and prepare it,
we give you thanks.

We pray for those who cannot afford enough food,
and for those whose agricultural supply is at risk

through extreme weather, uncertain prices and social upheaval.
Help us care for the earth and its fruitfulness
and for each other in our common need of its fruits.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of all the nations,
you gather people together in communities to care for each other
and enjoy each other's company and creativity.

Thank you for the support we find in our congregation,
and for the difference volunteers make in our community.

Wherever there is division in the world, bring unity and peace with justice;
where people dispute opinions, give wisdom to see what is important;
where people are tired and anxious, bring strength and courage.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion,
you call us to be communities held together
by prayer and love for our neighbours.

Thank you for the ministry that has blessed us
through the concern others have shown us.

Where people mourn loss of any kind, provide comfort;
where there is illness and pain, bring healing;
where there is distress or discouragement, transform fear into hope.

By your Spirit, equip us to serve one another in Christ's name,
so that your compassion touches lives with love and mercy.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, we lay before you now our personal concerns in this time of silence:
We offer you our prayers, spoken and unspoken, in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray 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 - Sent forth by your blessing

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in F Major - Theme by Joseph Bodin de Boismortier* arr. by E. L. Ashford

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



Sermon Notes:



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

Summer Schedule Updates:

Rev. Hannah is away on vacation from July 3 until July 14.

Rev. Hannah and Michael Lovagio will be out of the office and at Camp Kintail, from July 26 following worship until August 3.

Please contact your elder, Mark Stupple or Rev. Lois Whitwell as needed during Rev. Hannah's vacation.

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.

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

- ~ Sunday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, July 12, 11:45 a.m. **Odyssey Book Club** (Allan Room)
- ~ Tuesday, July 14, 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Community Game Night**
- ~ Week of July 13-17 **Vacation Bible Camp** to be held at Chedoke Presbyterian Church
- ~ Wednesday, July 15, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market** (Forecourt)
- ~ Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)
Reading Timothy Snyder's *On Tyranny* and Ian McEwan's *The Daydreamer*
- ~ Thursday, July 16, 6:00 p.m. **Charlton String Quartet - Concert on the Front Steps** (Forecourt)
- ~ Saturday, July 18, 11:00 a.m. **Funeral Service for Gregg Bullock-Price**

From Our Church Family:

We commend to God the life of *Gregg Bullock-Price*, who died on June 4, 2026. We hold his family and loved ones in our prayers. The funeral service is planned for Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Central.

Central Community Game Night ~ *Tuesdays, 5:00 - 8:00 pm*

Join us Tuesdays from 5-8pm, starting June 16th, for a weekly community game night. Bring your favorite game to play, or enjoy one of the many games provided. Open to the community at large, and game lovers of all ages. Bring friends, and make new ones!

Vacation Bible Camp is this week from July 13th to the 17th at Chedoke Presbyterian Church. Volunteers from Chedoke, Trinity Presbyterian Church and Central are collaborating to bring a joyful faith-based experience to area students. If you have questions, please contact Michael at michael@cpchamilton.ca. Several Central kids are attending, and Michael and Rev Hannah will be there as volunteers as well.

MUSIC@CENTRAL *presents*

CONCERT ON THE FRONT STEPS



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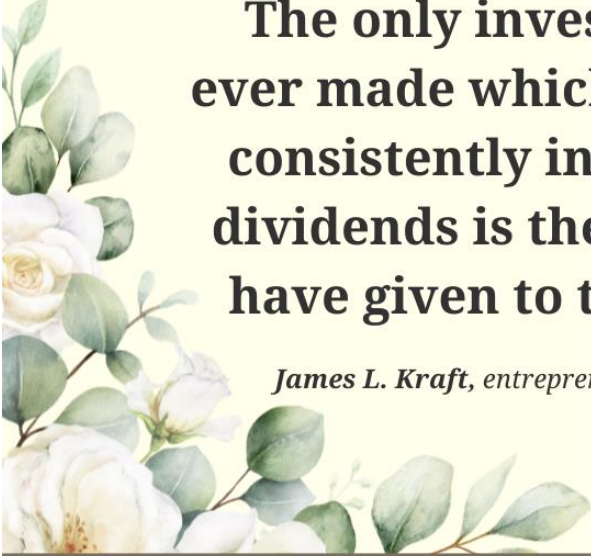
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**The only investment I
ever made which has paid
consistently increasing
dividends is the money I
have given to the Lord.**

James L. Kraft, entrepreneur, inventor



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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/

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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