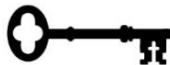




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

July 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Preacher and Worship Leader – Sara Traficante
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Colleen Yu
Greeters – Dr. Hubert & Johanna de Bruin
Violinist - Sharon Lee

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 *Meditation*

E. L. Ashford

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

All: **God offers compassion to all creation.**

With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.

In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy, gracious and merciful God,
you are overflowing with love,
infinite in kindness,
and incomparable in glory.
There is no other like you in all our imagining.
Your presence breaks into our lives, reflected in the beauty of creation,
and refreshes and inspires us.
You renew us to imagine new things,
you strengthen us to meet life's changes and challenges.
In response to your goodness and glory,
we offer you our thanks in the words of our prayers
and the praise from our hearts.
We honour you with our lives,
worshipping you
as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
this day and every day, now and always.

In confidence of your grace and loving kindness we confess to you our sins:

**Wise and patient God,
you offer us peace,
yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled.
You offer us courage,
yet we are timid and resentful when life is challenging.
You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose,
yet we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires.
Forgive us, O God,
and draw our attention back to you.**

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 – O Lord, thou art my God and King

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RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 145:8-14

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

SCRIPTURE READING (p.11)

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON: **Blessing Unburdening**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – O Love that wilt not let me go

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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.



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* 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

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 – I heard the voice of Jesus say

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Sonata No. 4 in D Major*

G. F. Handel

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

Rev. Hannah is away on vacation from July 3 until July 14. Rev. Hannah and Michael will be at Camp Kintail July 26 following worship until Aug. 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.

From Our Church Family:

We commend to God the life of *Linda Pearson*, who died on June 25, 2026. We hold her family and loved ones in our prayers.

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.

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

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| ~ Sunday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, July 5, 11:45 a.m. | Odyssey Book Club (Allan Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, July 7, 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Central Community Game Night |
| ~ Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Durand Market (Forecourt) |
| ~ Thursday, July 9, 3:00 p.m. | Funeral Service for Linda Pearson
(Markey-Dermody Funeral Home) |
| ~ Week of July 13-17 | Vacation Bible Camp to be held at Chedoke Presbyterian Church |
| ~ Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. | Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)
Reading Timothy Snyder's <i>On Tyranny</i> and Ian McEwan's <i>The Daydreamer</i> |
| ~ 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 (Sanctuary) |

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 will be held 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.

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.

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 (see above for the for the QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).

Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity

**Gratitude may move us to give,
but giving may also lead us to a
deeper sense of gratitude.**

Mary Jo Leddy, writer, speaker, theologian, social activist



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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/

***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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