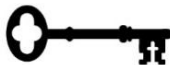




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

August 23, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Katie Weresch, soloist

Lector – Gustav Swanepoel

Greeters – Lize-Mari, Gustav & Gregoire Swanepoel

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 Larghetto in C Major - J. Barnby

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give thanks to God with all our hearts,

All: for God's faithful love endures forever.

Leader: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

All: for God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.

Leader: We place our trust in in God with full confidence,

All: and we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

* HYMN – Come Sing, O Church, in joy!

Hymn # 757 (see pg. 7)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Eternal God,
you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow,
and yet you come to us afresh each new day.
You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged.
You offer healing for what is worn or broken.
You restore hope when things seem impossible.
You are the source of life and love for all your creatures,
and you renew us to put our love for you
into action for the wellbeing of your creation.
And so, we worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and offer our prayers and praise to you,
eternal and ever-present God, now and always.

Confident of your grace and loving kindness,
we confess to you our sins.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have strayed from your purposes.
You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world.
You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom,
but we wait for others to do what needs doing.
Forgive us for taking the easy way out,
and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE 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

1. I love to tell the story
of Jesus here on earth,
of Mary and the shepherds
who welcomed him at birth.
I love to tell the story
of how he dared to speak
of freedom for the captives,
of blessings for the meek.

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story
to sing God's grace and glory –
the never-ending story
of Jesus and his love.*

2. I love to tell the story
of how he fed the crowd,
of how he blessed the hungry,
and warned the rich and proud.
I love to tell the story
of stories that he told:
of seeds, and sheep, and seekers –
God's kingdom to behold. *Refrain*
3. I love to tell the story
of all he did and said,
of how he turned the tables;
of how he broke the bread,
and poured the cup of blessing,
and gave his life away,
and rose on Easter morning,
and still he lives today. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING (p.18)

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON: **The Church Jesus Builds**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

MEDITATION MINUTE

* HYMN – Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Hymn # 482

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Ziion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2. All with in that holy city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pour perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy faithful loving kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

4. Here bestow on all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

THE OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY SOLO *O Rest In The Lord from "Elijah" - F. Mendelssohn*

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evil doers.
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.*

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 – Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

Hymn # 635 (see pg. 8)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Closing Voluntary*

E. L. Ashford

*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).

Eldership Nominations:

Session has determined the need to call additional elders at this time. Any professing member of the congregation may nominate any other(s) for eldership. The process is outlined in an email earlier this week, and in the letter available at the back of the church or from your elder. Nominations may be submitted in a sealed envelope on the offering plate, or emailed to session@cpchamilton.ca until Sunday September 6th.

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.

Come sing, O church, in joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH 12 12 4 12

D A/C# D Bm F#m/A G D/F# A7/E D A

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3. Let cour-age be our friend, let wis-dom be our guide,
 4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

D Bm 7 E /D A/C# D A/E E 7 A

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis-sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

D G Em6 Bm D/F# A/E D G/B D G Em6 D/F# Em/G D/A A 7 D

In bold ac - cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

See also: Darwall's 148th 267 606

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Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8 7 8 7

Eb (Fm/Eb Ebmaj7) Ab/Eb (Eb maj7 Fm/Eb Eb) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) Eb/G Fm7 (Eb/G) Bb

1. Broth-er, sis-ter, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
 2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, and com-pan-ions on the road;
 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
 4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;

Ab Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Ab/C (Bb6 Ab6 Eb/G) Fm (Eb/G Fm/Ab) Cm Ab6 Bb7 Eb

pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv-ant too.
 we are here to help each oth-er walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor-row, till we've seen this jour-ney through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

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Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, August 23, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

~ Tuesday, August 25, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Central Community Game Night

~ Wednesday, August 26, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Durand Market (Forecourt)

~ Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.

Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

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

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Sermon Notes:

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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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