



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

September 20, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service ~ Found in Hamilton

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Liturgist – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Emily Gayle Aitken

Greeters – Judy Johnson & Shirley Fredlander

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 the **God's Word For The Children**, children are invited to join our Faith Finders program for children SK - Grade 9 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.*

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Andante tranquillo*

W. H. Maxfield

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – Venite, Exultemus Domino (O Come and Let Us Sing) - Trad. Taize

Venite, exultemus Domino, venite, adoremus.

O Come and let us sing to God, our hope. God's mercy is for ever.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the prayers and the praise,
in the words and the wonder:

All: we are given enough joy to live each day.

One: In the justice for the oppressed,
in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

**All: we are given enough compassion
to use in service each day.**

One: In the promises made to all,
in the mercy offered to each:

All: we are given enough grace to share each day.

* HYMN – Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

Hymn # 757 (see pg. 5)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

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

* HYMN – My Shepherd Is The King Of Love

Hymn # 691 (see pg. 6)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:1-13 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING (p.20)

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON: **Generosity, Found in Hamilton**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Excerpts from **Living Faith** 8.3*

We bow before the mystery of God's love.

From it came our creation.

By it we are daily nurtured.

Through it we find salvation.

**We respond to the God who is love
by loving in return.**

**Love means seeking the best for others
and is the mark of a Christian.**

Love for God leads to love for others.

Love is compassion for creation.

Love is the service of others and is not self-centred.

Love follows the example of Jesus Christ.

* HYMN – For The Fruits Of All Creation

Hymn # 802 (see pg. 7)

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERTORY *God Is Love* - A. Carter

*God is love: let heaven adore him; God is love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him, And exalt him with one voice.*

*Refrain: He who laid the earth's foundation, He who spread the heavens above,
He who breathes through all creation, He is love, eternal love.*

*God is love: and with his blessing, Daily we our lives renew;
Gladly now his praise expressing, God is faithful, God is true. Refrain*

*God is love: his loving kindness, Follows us through all our days,
God before us, God behind us, Gently guiding in his ways. Refrain*

* 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 – Will You Come And Follow Me

Hymn # 634 (see pg. 8)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hosanna!*

F. D. Ashdown

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



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# Env/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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My shepherd is the King of love

DOMINUS REGIT ME 8 7 8 7

G D C/E (F#) G /B (/C) D7sus4 - 3 Em D7/F#

1. My shep - herd is the King of love whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with

Gsus4 - 3 A6/E A7/E G/D D G/B Am7 D G 6

good - ness fails me nev - er; for all things good from
 ran - somed soul is guid - ed, and where the ver - dant
 yet in love you sought me, and on your shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; your rod and staff my

Am/F# B Em D7 G/D D7 G

God a - bove re - store my soul for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with heaven - ly food pro - vid - ed.
 gen - tly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5. You spread a table in my sight,
 anointing grace bestowing,
 and, oh, what rapture of delight:
 your cup is overflowing.

6. And so through all the length of days
 your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 within your house forever!

Alternate tune: St. Columba

Words: Psalm 23, paraphrase Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), alt

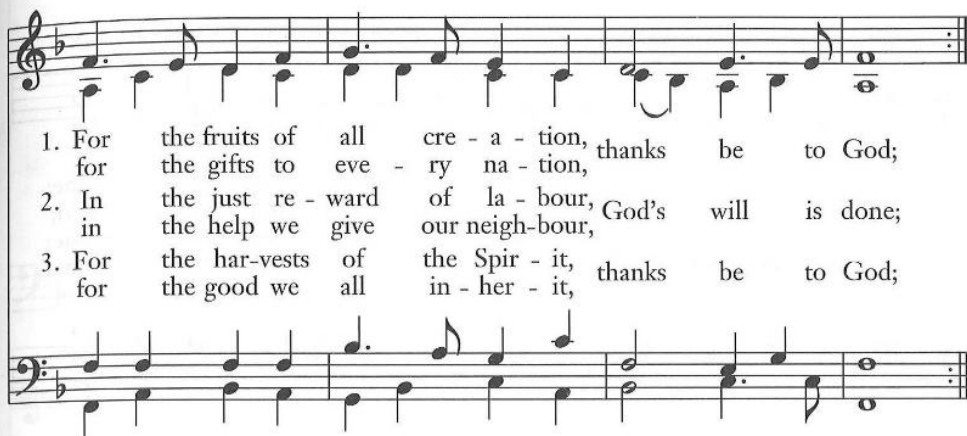
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For the fruits of all creation

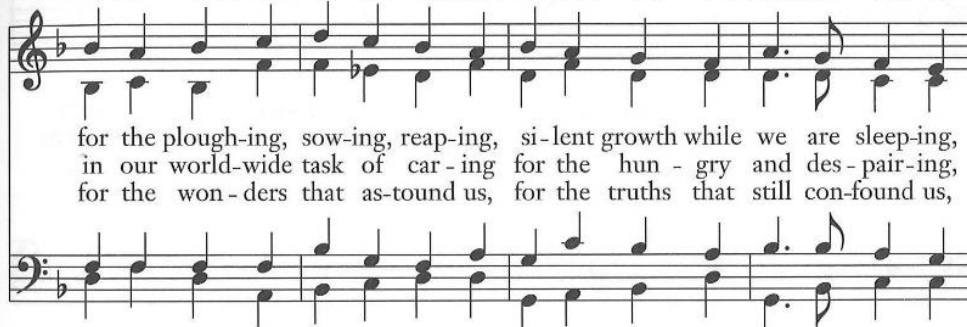
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F /A Bb F/A Gm /Bb C Am Bbsus2-1 C6 7 F



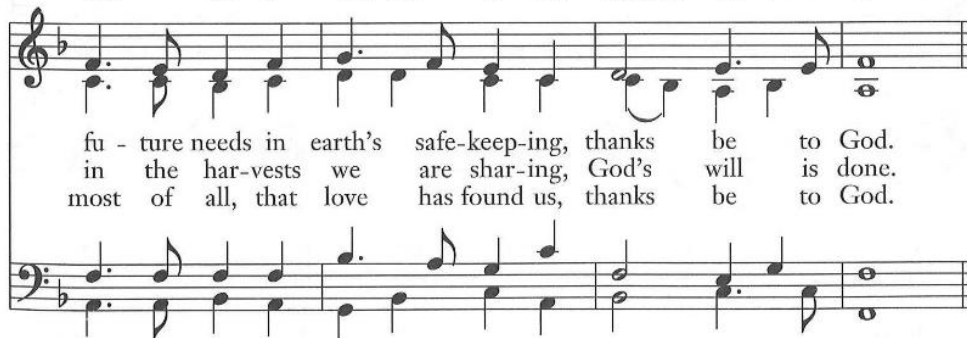
1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 for the gifts to eve - ry na - tion,
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done;
 in the help we give our neigh - bour,
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;
 for the good we all in - her - it,

Bb/DF Bb/D F/A Bb Cm Bb/D Dm Gm F/A Bb6 Dm Gmsus9/Bb F/C C



for the plough-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 in our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and des - pair-ing,
 for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

F/A Bb F Gm /Bb C Am Bbsus2-1 C6 7 F



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Will you come and follow me

KELVINGROVE 76767776

Unison

F

C7

Dm

Gm7

Csus4 - 3



1. Will you come and fol - low me
2. Will you leave your-self be - hind
3. Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide
5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



F

C7

Dm

Gm7

(C11)

F



Will you go where you don't know
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free
 Will you quell the fear in - side
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



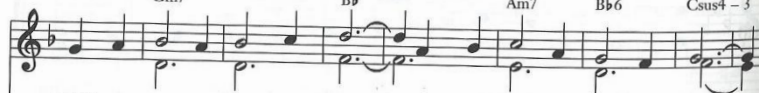
Gm7

Bb

Am7

Bb6

Csus4 - 3



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 and ad - mit to what I mean
 through my sight and touch and sound
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



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).

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.



The flowers are placed in the chancel to the Glory of God

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

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| ~ Sunday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service ~ Found in Hamilton |
| ~ Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. | Music@Central ~ Indigenous Chamber Music Concert |
| ~ Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. – noon | Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room) |
| ~ Tuesday, September 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Central Community Game Night |
| → 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Spaghetti Dinner (Fellowship Hall) |
| → 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Tutoring (Allan Room) |
| ~ Wednesday, September 23, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Durand Market (Forecourt) |
| ~ Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. | Societus Vicorum (Guild Room) |
| ~ Thursday, September 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Recreation Night (Fellowship Hall) |
| ~ Thursday, September 24, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. | Central Choir Rehearsal |
| ~ Saturday, September 26 | Visit to Mohawk Institute Residential School Museum (see pg.11) |
| ~ Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. | Truth & Reconciliation Sunday/Orange Shirt Sunday |
| ~ Sunday, September 27, 2:00 p.m. | Music@Central ~ Music of James Bond |
| ~ Sunday, October 4, 10:30 a.m. | World Communion Sunday Worship Service |
| ~ Sunday, October 4, after worship | Congregational Meeting Election of Elders |
| ~ Monday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. | Central Book Club (Allan Room) |

Tutoring: Starting this Tuesday, September 22nd alongside Games Night, tutoring will be available from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Allan Room. For all those participating in the Games Night and tutoring on September 22nd, a Spaghetti Dinner will be provided. All are welcome. Please reach out to Beth Carey or Michael Lovaglio if you would like more information.

September 30th is the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. A day to recognize the residential school survivors, their families, and their communities. The day pays tribute to the children who never returned home from residential schools, and it promotes reflection of the intergenerational trauma caused by the Canadian residential school system.

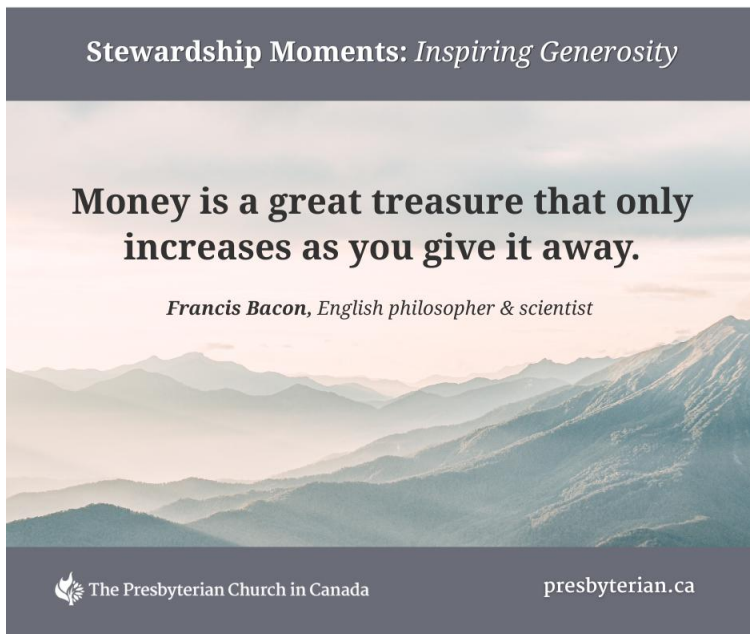
On **September 26th**, the Mission Committee is planning a visit to the Mohawk Institute Residential School in Brantford, Ontario, which operated from 1831 to 1970, and was the oldest and longest-operating Indian residential school in Canada. It is now an amazing museum and an opportunity to learn about this part of our history. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or send Beth Carey an email at beth.carey@northmail.ca. The cost is \$27 for adults and \$26 for youth. We will need to know the numbers as soon as possible so that we are able to book tickets.

Knit & Knatter Invitation: We welcome all who are interested in joining Central's knitting group. Needles and yarn are provided. We meets every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon to knit and/or chat. For more information contact Jean Williams.

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*

Money is a great treasure that only increases as you give it away.

Francis Bacon, English philosopher & scientist

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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:
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/>

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