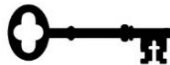




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 1, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Jessica Foy

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Lector – Christine Sandor

Greeters – Shirley Fredlander & Janet Long

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 to 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.

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Voluntary in D Major*

S. Jackson

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Jesus Christ Our Sure Foundation*

H. M. Huffman

*Shepherd, Guardian, he who teaches, On whose grace the Church depends,
Tending it through history's reaches, And will keep it to the end.
Praise we now and evermore, Jesus we adore!
He who from the first did seek us, Savior, Ruler, Guide and Friend.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we gather —

**All: as infants in our parents' arms,
as children with our snacks and crayons,
as youth whispering with our friends —**

One: we're just learning what it means to worship
Lord, we gather —

**All: as young adults trying to find our place within the church,
as parents caring for our children,
as mid-life people with mid-life questions,
as older adults wondering why the questions haven't stopped —**

One: we're just learning what it means to worship
Lord, we gather —

**All: as people with lives too busy or not busy enough,
bursting with energy or already looking forward to that afternoon nap,
content, discontent, or somewhere in between —**

One: we're just learning what it means to worship.

We come before you today with our unique personalities and experiences,
ready and not yet ready for this time together.

**All: Draw us by your Spirit into your embrace.
Turn our thoughts and voices to thankfulness and praise. Amen.**

* HYMN – Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn # 293

1. Come, thou almighty King;
help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word;
gird on thy mighty sword;
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter;
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4. To the great One in Three
eternal praises be hence evermore!
His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

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 – Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet

Hymn # 496 (see pg. 7)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 34:1-10 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 160)

Deuteronomy 4:9-11

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 46)

Mark 10:13-16

SERMON: **Mutuality, Reciprocity, and Equality**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 7.3

**The church lives to praise God.
We have no higher calling
than to offer the worship that belongs to God
day by day, Sunday by Sunday.**

**Through the preaching of the Word
and the celebration of the Sacraments,
in praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship,
God sustains the life of the church.
We worship God as Lord
offering ourselves in the service of Christ,
rejoicing that we have been brought from darkness to light.**

**Worship draws us into the work of Christ.
Even now he intercedes for the world
to which he came and for which he died.
In union with him, the church prays
for the healing and the salvation of the world.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be to our God for ever and ever!**

* HYMN – Help Us Accept Each Other

Hymn # 632 (see pg. 8)

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERTORY *Come Build A Church*

Words and Music by K. Medema

*God of Creation, Maker of all things, we gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you, come now among us; come and build your church today.*

*Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or glass, or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty, Come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation, It shall be built by the hand of God.*

*Let us see the tongues of fire, Let us hear the great wind roar.
Let us know the awe and wonder, that we've only glimpsed before.
Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep.
Let us know this great awakening, For so long we've been asleep.*

*Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds.
Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down.
Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends.
hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends.*

*Guide our feet in peaceful pathways, Teach us peace of heart and mind;
peace with God and all God's children; till we leave our wars behind.
Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night;
like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light.*

* 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. 9)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia in C Major*

T. de Santa Maria

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

Today we welcome Jessica Foy as she leads worship for us at Central while Rev. Hannah is on Study Leave.

Jessica Foy is a Faith Formation with Children, Youth, and Young Adults, Program Coordinator for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, where she brings passion and experience to nurturing spiritual growth across all ages

Jess has a strong love for all aspects of Christian Education, especially the creativity it inspires, the meaningful relationships it fosters, the community it builds, and the lasting impact it has on people's lives. Her work is rooted in a deep belief that faith formation should be engaging, inclusive, and life-giving.

Outside of her ministry, Jessica finds joy in gardening, photography, needle felting, pottery, and cherishes time spent with her spouse and child.

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).

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

THY WORD Irregular

Refrain
G Am/G D/G G C/G D/G G Fine

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

D/F# Am (C) Em Bm C D

1. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side
2. I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is wan-

C/G G D Am Em Bm

me, and no-thing will I fear as long as you are near.
dering. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

C D D/E Em Am/D D (9) D.C. al Fine

Please be near me to the end.
I will love you to the end.

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Help us accept each other

BARONITA 7 6 7 6 D

G Em 7 Cmaj7 Em Am7 G/B Em/B B7 C /B

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Am 7 G/D (Am/D) G/B A9 Em A9/C# Dsus4-3

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

G 6 C/E Em/D C6 G/B Bsus2-3 Em /D

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all - not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

C /B Am G/B Em /G Amsus4 D9 (D) G

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

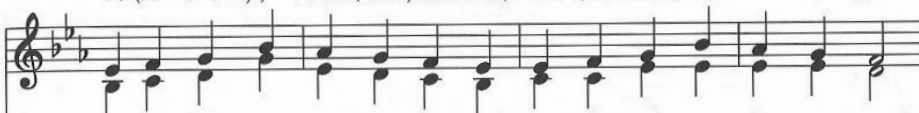
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Brother, sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG 8 7 8 7

E♭ (Fm/E♭ E♭maj7) A♭/E♭ (E♭maj7 Fm/E♭ E♭) Cm (Fm/C Cm7) E♭/G Fm7 (E♭/G) B♭



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;



A♭ E♭/G B♭7/F E♭ A♭/C (B♭6 A♭6 E♭/G) Fm (E♭/G Fm/A♭) Cm A♭6 B♭7 E♭



- 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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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

Congregational Givings

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Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sundays November 1 – 22, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Seriously, Not Literally (Allan Room)

~ Sunday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

~ Sunday, November 1, noon – 1:15 p.m.

Faith Finder Project (Allan Room)

~ Sunday, November 1, 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class (Allan Room)

~ Monday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

HOOTC Café (Fellowship Hall)

~ Tuesday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Knit & Knatter Group (Guild Room)

~ Tuesday, November 3, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Central Community Game Night

→ 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Tutoring (Allan Room)

→ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Fall Youth Book Club (Allan Room)

~ Thursday, November 5, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

HOOTC Meals to Go (Forecourt)

~ Thursday, November 5, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Central Recreation Night (Fellowship Hall)

~ Thursday, November 5, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Central Choir Rehearsal

~ Sunday, November 15, 3:00pm **Music@Central: To The Moon: Songs of Celestial Love**

~ Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Societus Vicorum (Guild Room)

~ Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m.

Central Book Club (Allan Room)

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**Gratitude changes
the pangs of memory
into a tranquil joy.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
Letters and Papers from Prison



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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

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