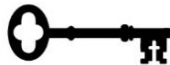




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

October 18, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

Liturgist – Rev. Lois Whitwell

Greeters – Jim & Myrna Evel

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 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: Andante sostenuto - G. H. Swift

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – God Of Mercy, God Of Grace

Hymn # 39 vs. 1 & 3

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From the corners of worry and fear,
from the shadows where we huddle with our doubts,

**All: God calls us to this place of sanctuary
where we can draw from Love's deep wells.**

One: In every moment where we look for strength to continue,
in every time wonder if faith is worth it,

**All: Jesus calls us to this time
where we can welcome the peace given to us.**

One: In every person who embraces us with acceptance,
in every touch that offers healing and hope,

**All: the Spirit calls us to see those around us
as God's beloved, our sisters and brothers of grace.**

* HYMN – Morning Has Broken

Hymn # 814 (see pg. 7)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

GOD SPEAKS TO US

GOD'S WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Hymn # 348 v. 1

*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 – We Praise You, O God

Hymn # 425

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 24)

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON: **For What it's Worth**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Living Faith 2.4 - Our Care for the World

Though life is a gift from God,
human life depends upon the created world.
Our care for the world must reflect God's care.
We are not owners, but stewards of God's good earth.
Concerned with the well-being of all of life
we welcome the truths and insights
of all human skill and science about the world and the universe.

Our stewardship calls us
to explore ways of love and justice
in respecting God's creation
and in seeking its responsible use
for the common good.

* HYMN – We Give Thee But Thine Own

Hymn # 661

1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.

3. To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.

4. The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace,
it is a Christlike thing,

5. and we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

THE OFFERING

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



CHORAL OFFERTORY *Cantique de Jean Racine (A Song of Praise)* - G. Fauré

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!*

*O Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

O Thou mighty One, The hope of our salvation,
Eternal God, Lord of Earth and sky,
We come and kneel before Thee,
O Savior, come and give us now Thy blessing!

Send down to us the fire of Thy pow'r overwhelming,
Thy wondrous might dispels the foes of hell,
O give our sleeping souls, The radiance of Thy spirit,
That they may waken and tell of Thy power!

O Christ, come now and bless us, we implore Thee,
Thy people penitent before Thee,
and hear the praise we give now,
The praise to Thy great glory,
Accept these gifts we return unto Thee.
O mighty One, eternal God.

* 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 – O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Hymn # 330

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an everrolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fuga in D Major*

C. Rinck

*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).

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.

Morning has broken

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D

Descant (vocalized)

Ah...

Unison C /B Am /G DmF G C6 /D Em Am

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new - fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light; mine is the morn - ing; born of the

C/E F 6 G6 Am Dm7 G Em Am Dm Em

spo - ken like the first bird; praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass; praise for the sweet - ness, praise for the
 one light E - den saw play; praise with e - la - tion; praise eve - ry

Am DmF Em/G C/E Dm7 G 7 C(sus4-2 - 3)

morn - ing, praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 morn - ing, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 morn - ing God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



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

- ~ Sundays October 18 – November 22, 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Seriously, Not Literally** (Allan Room)
- ~ Sunday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
- ~ Sunday, October 18, noon – 1:15 p.m. **Faith Finder Project** (Allan Room)
- ~ Sunday, October 18, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Information Meeting** (Allan Room)
- ~ Tuesday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. – noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
- ~ Tuesday, October 20, 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)
- ~ Wednesday, October 21, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Durand Market** (Forecourt)
- ~ Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)
- ~ Thursday, October 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Central Recreation Night** (Fellowship Hall)
- ~ Thursday, October 22, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
- ~ Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. – noon **Kitchen Clean Up Morning**
- ~ Saturday, October 24, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Road Rally in Memory of Gregg Bullock Price**
- ~ Sunday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. **Music@Central ~ Accord Baroque Ensemble**
- ~ Sunday, October 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class** (Allan Room)
- ~ Monday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. **Central Book Club** (Allan Room)

Volunteer Opportunity: On Saturday, October 24, you are invited to help clean and organize the church's kitchen in preparation for the upcoming Hamilton Out of the Cold season. Many hands make light work!

A Meet-Up Event in Memory of Gregg Bullock-Price

Everyone is invited to join in an annual **Road Rally**.

Grab a car, a team (4 maximum per team), a phone, and sign up to rumble!

The money raised from this event will be donated to support Gregg's Games aka Central's Community Game Night.

The Road Rally Event is scheduled for: *Saturday, October 24 · 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
at William Connell City Park (1086 West 5th Street, Hamilton, ON).

Rally start times are between 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

You can enter your team, or you can be placed on a team. Be sure to think of a team name!

Cost for the rally - \$10 per person

If you'd like to participate in the Car Rally, let Rev. Hannah know today (October 18), and she will register Central's teams via Meet Up

Teams will be given 2 lists and 2 hours to photograph or complete tasks with your group.

You will have 2 hours to get as many points as possible.

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 QR code for Canada Helps to give electronically).



**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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