

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

November 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Paula Grove
Greeters – Eric and Arlene Quackenbush

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 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 *Orgelstück in G-Dur* A. Hesse

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *Come, My Soul - F. J. Haydn*

Come, my soul, thou must be waking; Now is breaking O'er the earth another day:
Come to Him who made this splendor; See thou render All thy feeble strength can pay.

Our God's bounteous gifts abuse not, Light refuse not, But his Spirit's voice obey;
Thou with Him shalt dwell, beholding Light enfolding All things in unclouded day.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

All: This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

One: This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

All: This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

One: This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

All: This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

OPENING PRAYER

Now,
in the silence,
when we struggle
to control our lives,
may we, once again,
empty ourselves of our pride and fears,
to be filled with your hope.

Now,
in these moments,
when we cannot let go
of our worries and doubts,
may we, once again,
open our hands to hold your faith.

Now,
on this day
which is only and always
your gift to us,
may we, once again,
live into your kin-dom.

We lift our hearts to you,
God in Community, Holy in One,
Amen.

* 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Again, we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for others and the choices they make.

Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant.

The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

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 – Let All Things Now Living — Hymn # 338 (see pgs. 6-8)

RESPONSIVE READING — **Psalm 123** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 2**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 28) — Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON**: Well Done, Good and Profitable Servant**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

* HYMN – May The Mind Of Christ My Saviour — Hymn # 644 (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

Ubi caritas from 'Quatre Motets Sur des Thèmes Grégoriens' - M. Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	Where love and charity are, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.	Christ's love has brought us together as one.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.	Let us then rejoice and delight in Him.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.	Let us fear and love the living God,
Et ex corde deligamus nos sincero.	and from our hearts let us love one another
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.	sincerely.
	Where love and charity are, God is there. Amen.

* 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 – God Bless Your Church With Strength Hymn # 491 (see pg. 9)

* BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Fuga in C Major* D. Buxtehude

You are invited to enjoy the postlude as a final blessing.
We leave this hour of worship to go bless the world God so loves.
All are invited to join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

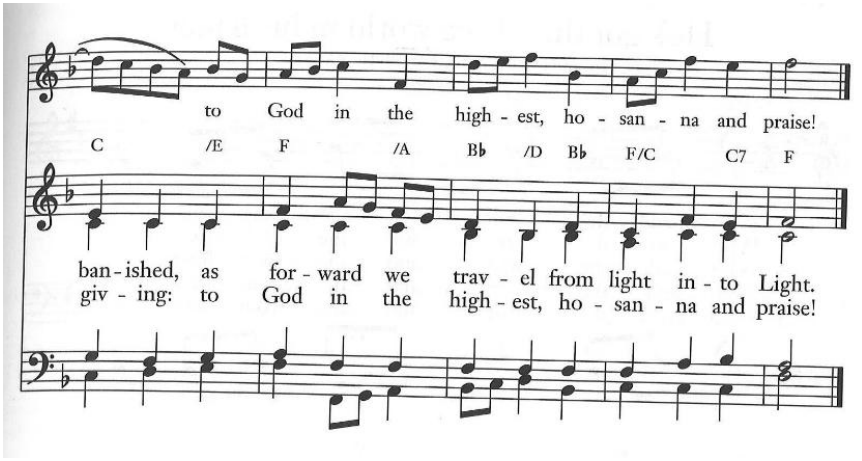
If you would like to get to know Central better, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or spend some time going through our Website (www.cpchamilton.ca). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform the office (info@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

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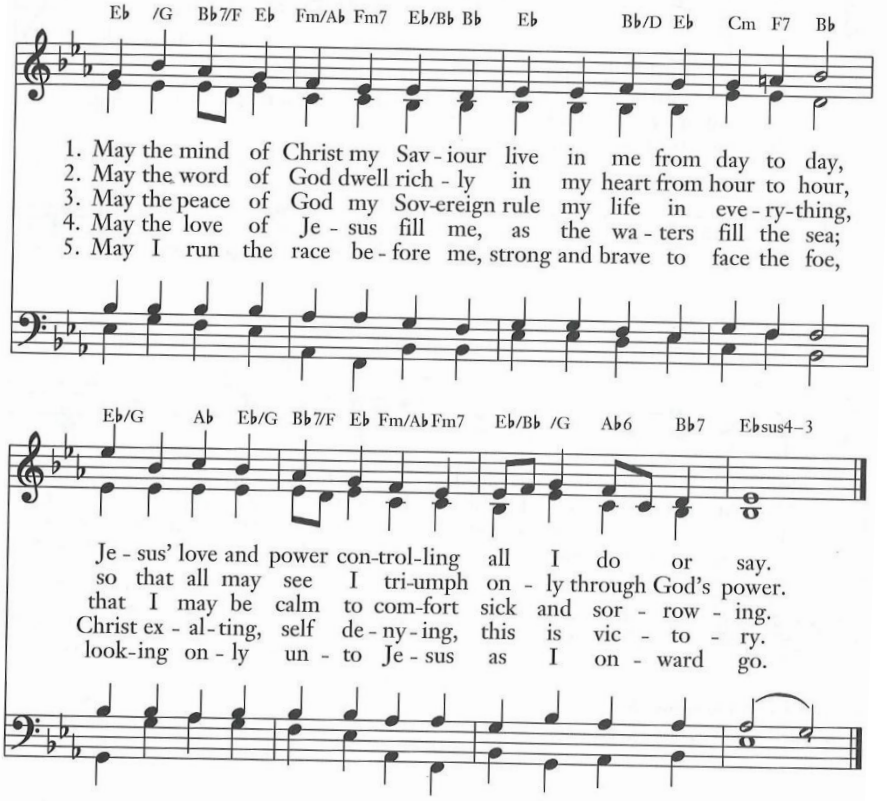



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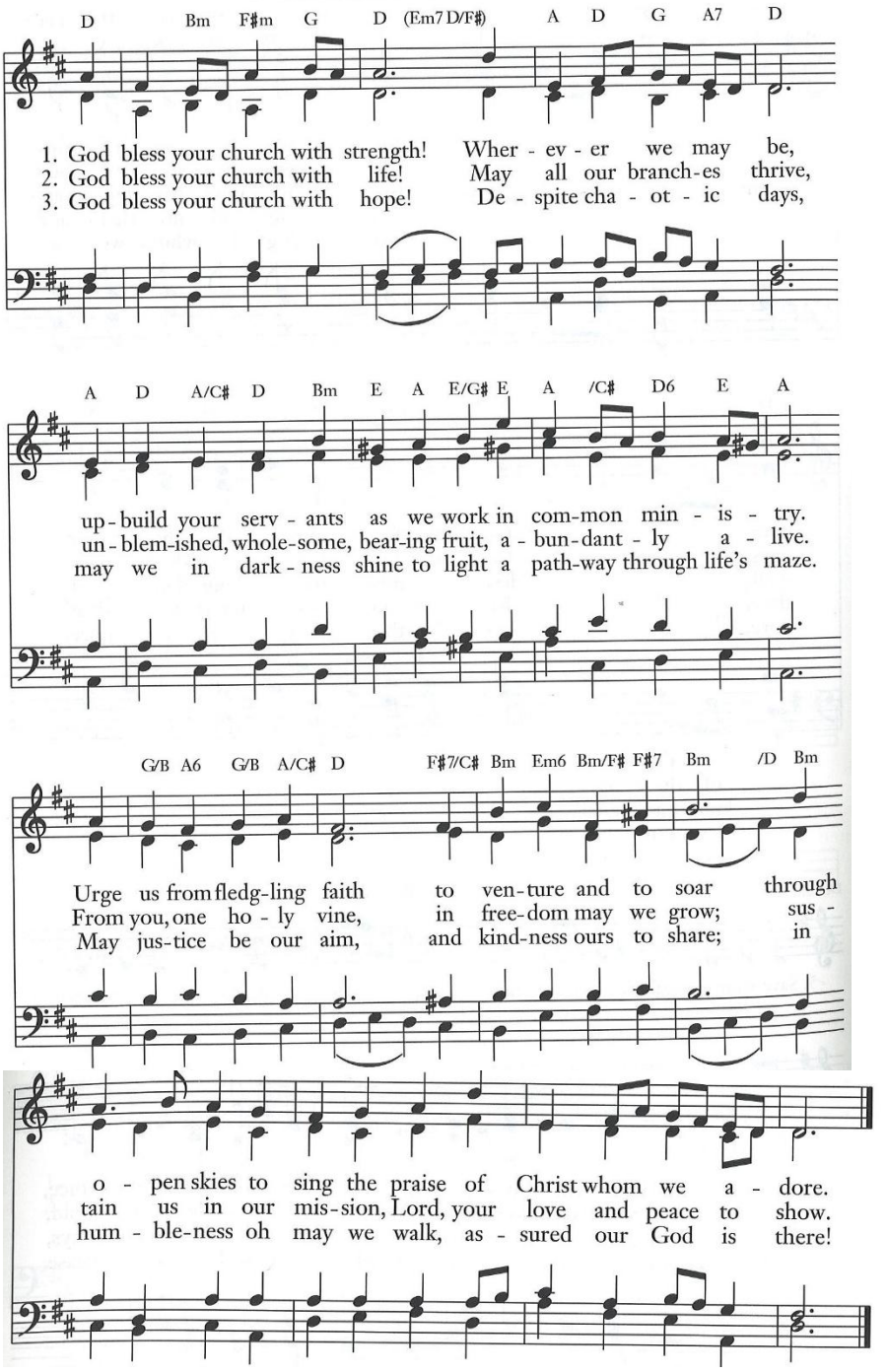
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The Church

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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 today, by Jim Watson, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, George and Betty Watson.

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 November 15 – 22, 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Seriously, Not Literally** (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
~ Sunday, November 15, noon – 1:15 p.m. **Faith Finder Project** (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, November 15, 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class** (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, November 15, 3:00pm **Music@Central: To The Moon: Songs of Celestial Love**
~ Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. – Noon **HOOTC Café** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Tuesday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. – noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
~ Tuesday, November 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m. **Central Community Game Night** (Fellowship Hall)
→ 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Tutoring** (Allan Room)
→ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Fall Youth Book Club** (Allan Room)
~ Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, November 19, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **HOOTC Meals to Go** (Forecourt)
~ Thursday, November 19, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Central Recreation Night** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Thursday, November 19, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. **Central Bible Study** (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, November 19, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
~ Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m. onward **Youth at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre**
~ Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 p.m. **Central Book Club** (Allan Room)
~ Wednesday, December 2, noon **PrimeTime Again Christmas Lunch** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Sunday, December 6 after worship **Christmas Cookie Walk** (Guild Room)
~ Monday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. **Advent Candlelight Walk with area churches**
- gather at Central at 7:00 p.m. and end with refreshments on Locke street
~ Saturday, December 12, noon – 3:00 p.m. **Durand Christmas Market** (Fellowship Hall)

The **Durand Christmas Market** is on Saturday, December 12 from noon – 3:00 p.m. Please bring any jewelry you would like to donate for the Central table (a tote for items is near the stage Fellowship Hall table). Also, if you are able to donate baked goods for the Tea Room, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

PrimeTime Again Christmas Lunch on December 2nd at noon: Please RSVP on the sheet by the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, or speak with Rev. Lois Whitwell if you plan to attend.

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).

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/

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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