

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

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

November 22, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Minister – Rev. Lois Whitwell
Minister – Rev. Hannah Lovaglio
Director of Music Ministries – Dr. Marcus Scholtes
Lector – Jean Williams
Greeters – Jim & Una Gillespie

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 *Nicaea* C. Hampton

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT – *He That Shall Endure To The End, from "Elijah"* F. Mendelssohn

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

All: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

One: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

All: We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

One: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

All: We come , to worship God.

* HYMN – All Glory, Laud And Honour Hymn # 214

Refrain: All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one. (Refrain)

2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we resent. (Refrain)

3. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

4. You didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

PRAYER OF ADORDATION AND CONFESSION

Most holy God,
You are known to us as the Almighty,
Eternal Ruler and Everlasting.
We call you our Shepherd and Guide.
We praise you with many names,
but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words.
We know you in the stories of Jesus,
and in him we see your love in action, reaching out to the world.
You move in us and through us by your Spirit,
drawing us to you, sending us to live out your word.
God most holy,
Three in One and One in Three,
we praise you with our lips and with our lives
to offer you honour and love, now and always. Amen.

In confidence of God's great mercy, let us confess our sins:

God most merciful,
We confess that we have failed to love fully or forgive wholly.
You offer us freedom, but we settle for the familiar.
You offer us hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next.
Teach us to give up cautious faithfulness,
so that we can offer you our whole lives,
and commit to following Jesus into the future you are creating.

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 – Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun — Hymn # 275

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING — **Psalm 95:1-7** in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 1**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 29) — Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON**: I can do that!**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN – The Love Of God Come Close Hymn # 474 (see pgs. 7-8)

THE OFFERING

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

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Hosanna To The Son of David* - L. Jakobs

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed be He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory.
Hosanna in the highest heavens!

* 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

Holy Christ,
you proclaimed God's kingdom among us and within us.
In the power of the Spirit, your love is always at work,
bringing good out of evil and life out of death.
We thank you that your love never lets us go,
for you have known the good times and the hard times of this life before us.

You came as one who was hungry and thirsty.
Where people live on the streets today, suffer from hunger, or beg for a meal:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You came as a stranger in need of welcome.
Where people live lonely lives or feel like strangers in a strange land;
where people face rejection for the colour of their skin or the language they speak:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You came as one who was naked.
Where people lack clothing, shelter, or life's basic resources;
where people live without dignity, exposed to every kind of pain and hardship:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You came as one who was broken.
Where people feel pain in body, mind or spirit;
where someone grieves the loss of a beloved one or the future they planned;
in places where disaster has struck and desperation has moved in:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You came as one who was in prison.
Where people are treated unfairly, targeted or tortured;
where justice has failed and people are punished with cruelty:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You were born and made flesh and suffered pain.
Where people suffer in body, mind and spirit;
where people experience violence in the home and injustice in the world:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You came as a Shepherd.
Where people are led astray or nations are ruled by corrupt or greedy leaders,
where there is no peace in the land:
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done.

You came to us all, proclaiming the kingdom of God.
So we lift up these prayers in your name, Lord Jesus,
knowing that your kingdom is drawing near
and that we meet you in the face of those who cry out to us.
Help us see your face in theirs, for we pray the words you taught us:

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

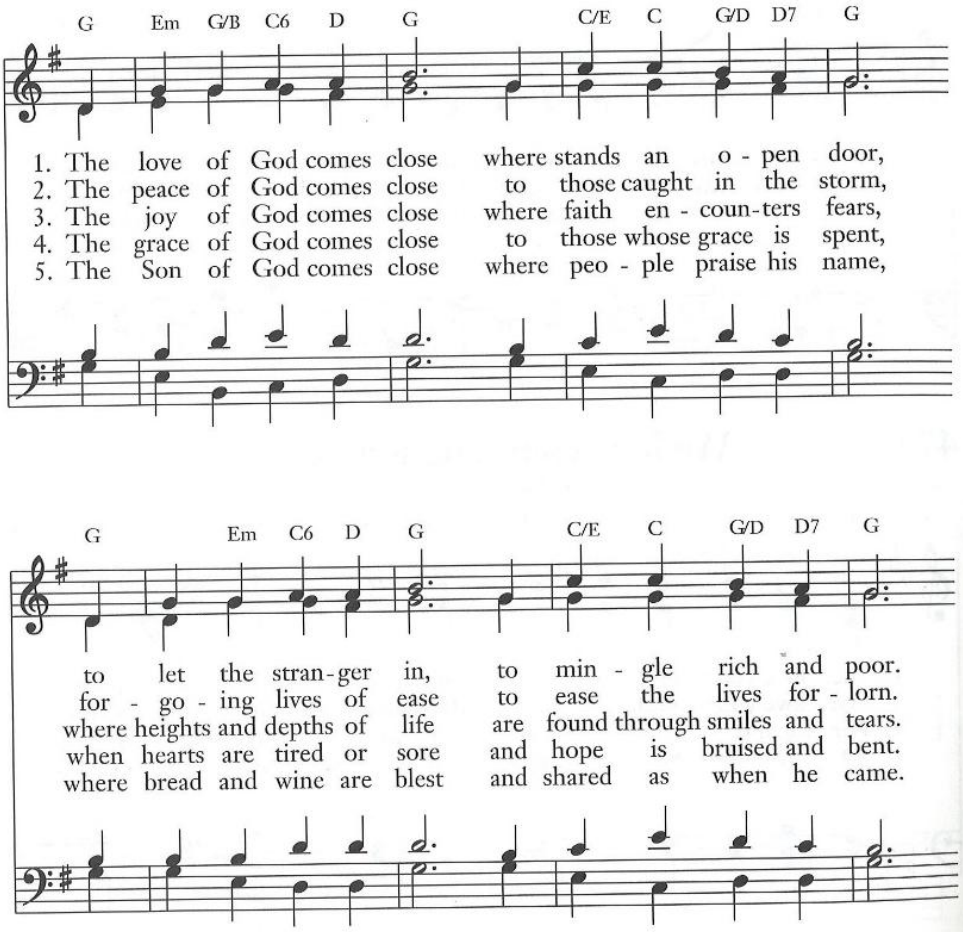
* HYMN – Lord Of Life And Lord Of Nations Hymn # 774 (see pgs. 9-10)

* BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Allegro from the Voluntary in C Major* J. Stanley

474 The love of God comes close

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The love
The peace
The joy of God is here to stay, em - brac-ing those who
The grace
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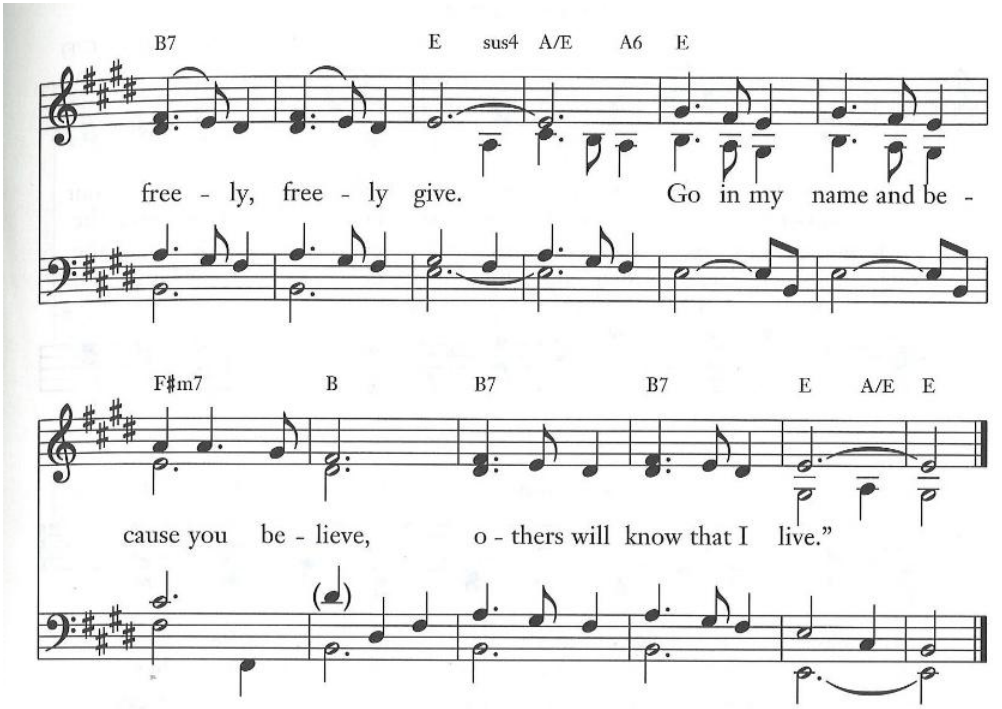
774 God forgave my sin / Freely, freely

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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).

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 de Bruin or Jim Watson from the Flower Committee

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).

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 *

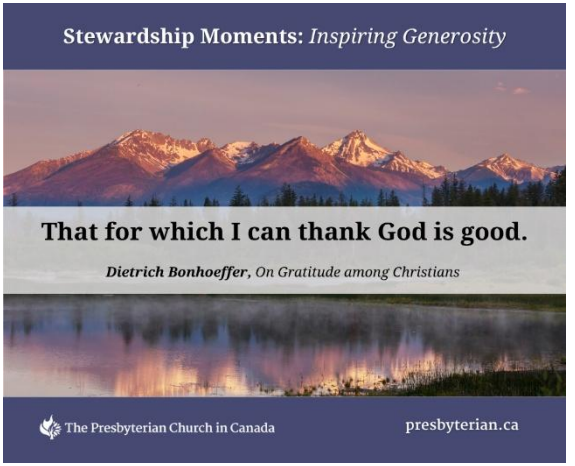
We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples.

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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Christmas Activities In December at Central

~ Sunday, November 29, 10:30 a.m. **First Sunday of Advent Worship Communion Service**
~ Wednesday, December 2, noon **PrimeTime Again Christmas Lunch** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Sunday, December 6, 10:30 a.m. **Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service**
~ 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
~ Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. **Knit & Knatter Christmas Lunch** (Guild Room)
~ Saturday, December 12, noon – 3:00 p.m. **Durand Christmas Market** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Sunday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. **Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service**
~ Sunday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. **White Gift Sunday**
~ Sunday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. **Candlelight Carol Service**
~ Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. **Societus Vicorum: A Christmas Carol** (Guild Room)
~ Friday, December 18, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Christmas Toy Shoppe Open House**
~ Saturday, December 19, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Christmas Toy Shop**
~ Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. **Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service**
~ Thursday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**

Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sundays November 22, 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Seriously, Not Literally** (Allan Room)
~ Sunday, November 22, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Service of Worship**
~ Sundays November 22 & 29, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Confirmation Class** (Allan Room)
~ Monday, Nov. 23, 30, Dec, 7, 14, 21, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. **HOOTC Café** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Tuesdays, Nov. 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 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. **Youth Book Club** (Allan Room)
~ Thursday, Nov. 26, December 3, 10, 17, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **HOOTC Meals to Go** (Forecourt)
~ Sunday, November 29, noon – 1:15 p.m. **Faith Finder Project** (Allan Room)
~ Tuesday, November 24, December 8, 10:00 a.m.–noon **Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)
~ Thursday, November 26, December 3, 10 & 17, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. **Central Choir Rehearsal**
~ Thursdays, Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17,5:00–7:00 p.m. **Central Recreation Night** (Fellowship Hall)
~ Thursday, December 3 & 17, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. **Central Bible Study** (Guild Room)
~ Sunday, December 27, 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**
~ Sunday, January 3, 10:30 a.m. **In Memoriam Worship Service**