

Announcements

Thank you to Carl Phillips for sharing his gifts of music with us this morning!



An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Central Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, continues its strong tradition of community outreach and vibrant music ministry. Situated in an urban neighbourhood with affordable housing projects, lower-income families, seniors, and many children, the church recognizes that ticketed events are often financially inaccessible. In response, Central offers high-quality, inclusive musical programming that is open to all, welcoming neighbours regardless of circumstance. In partnership with other downtown churches, the congregation also leads Hamilton Out of the Cold, providing a warm, welcoming space, meaningful connection, and hot meals for individuals experiencing hunger, isolation, and hardship in the community.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Jesus calls us to follow him – not on the easy road, but the way of the cross.

We come ready to follow where Christ leads.

Jesus calls us to let go of our need to be first, secure, or in control.

We come ready to trust God with our lives.

Jesus reminds us that true life is found not in gaining the world,
but in giving ourselves to God.

We come to seek the life that Christ offers.

Come, let us worship the One who calls us to take up our cross and follow.

We give ourselves to Christ, and we worship God together.

(Inspired by Matthew 16:21-28)

Hymn #438 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Opening Prayers

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn #773 Jesus Bids Us Shine

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-21

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.

The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Sermon: "When God's Mercy Changes Us"

Hymn #637 Take My Life, And Let It Be

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn #645 Follow Me, the Master Said

Benediction & Dismissal: Walk With Me

Postlude

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



"The trouble about the duty of forgiveness is that you do it with all your might on Monday and then find on Wednesday that it hasn't stayed put and all has to be done over again."

~ C. S. Lewis

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for ministers and church workers who are returning from much-needed vacations. May they be re-energized for Christ's service.

We pray for presbyteries as they gather after a summer respite to continue caring for congregations and ministers and for their clerks and moderators as they prepare to offer leadership.

We pray that God will sustain and inspire Christian educators as they accompany and nurture God's beloved children in a complex world.

We pray for Palestinian Christians who worship and pray in the context of apartheid and genocide.



Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-21 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.¹³Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.²⁰On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.