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April 14, 2024 10:00 A.M.
3rd Sunday of Easter
Holy Humour Sunday

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: 4 pieces for a Musical Clock FJ Haydn
* Entry of the Bible
* Hymn 65 "All people that on earth do dwell"
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:
M: Today, we celebrate with holy humor.
P: **The risen Christ is not a rumor.**
M: We have good cause to laugh and sing.
P: **To Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.**
M: The devil lost, our Savior won.
P: **And in His name, let's have some fun!**
M: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach and the Lord's Prayer
Assurance of Forgiveness

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Scriptures:
Old Testament: Genesis 18: 9-15 (p. 14)
* Responsive Psalm 100 (p. 552) -Karen Wasacase

* Gloria Patri: *"Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen"*

Solo: Total Eclipse GF Handel
Sarah McQueen, soloist

The Scriptures:
Epistle: Galatians 5: 13-14, 22-25 (p. 190/191)
Gospel: John 16: 16-24 (p. 110-111) -Karen Wasacase

* Hymn 521 "Child of blessing, child of promise"

Sermon: **"A priest, a minister, and a rabbi..."**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 334 "God who gives to life its goodness"
Thought for the Day
Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn 436 "God, we praise you for the morning"
Benediction and Choral Amen
Postlude: Menuet Gothique Leon Boellman



Welcome to Central! We are so glad that you've joined us this morning. We hope that together we will find the joy and peace of Christian community. We also welcome those that are joining us remotely on Zoom today.

TUESDAY, APR. 16

6:30 P.M. – Presbytery meets in Hall

6:00 P.M. – Sparks/Embers in Kindergarten room

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17

10:00 A.M. – Board of Managers meet in Board Room

12:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. – Jolly Good Drama Class meet in hall

6:00 P.M. – Cloggers rental in Kindergarten Room

If you haven't already "liked" us on **Facebook**, log on and set up a Facebook account and once you have found the church under Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, click "like" and all your contacts will see anything that we post on the church site. Rev. Larry Amiro's weekly message is posted on our page each week.

Instagram! Log on and set up an Instagram account and follow us Central Presbyterian Church Brantford or central_pres_church_brantford, either way will find us, click "follow". Rev. Larry's weekly message will also be posted there each week.

For Pastoral Care – If pastoral care is needed; during office hours, please contact Carolyn in the church office at 519-752-4932, if after office hours please contact Rev. Larry Amiro at 519-802-4590, if you can't reach either please contact Rev. Mark McLennan, our Interim Moderator at home 519-290-2055 or by email: roundrev@rogers.com

Arcady invites you to Bridging the Eras on June 1, 2024, at 7:30pm at Central Presbyterian Church in Brantford. This will be the final public event at Central Presbyterian Church, a center that has been devoted to community service for nearly a century. This concert will be a unique celebration of music by Ontario's legacy and new generation composers, presented to you by Arcady's professional chorus, youth chorus, and strings. Arcady is especially honoured to premiere a new piece by the inaugural winner of the Walter MacNutt Prize, its founding director Ronald Beckett. Also included in this event will be Arcady's annual silent auction. The auction will feature spectacular workmanship from the finest local artists along with gift cards to Brantford's small businesses and prints of stunning art and nature photography. Tickets \$35 General admission; \$12 under 18. For tickets email: info@arcady.ca call: (519) 428-3185; or visit <https://arcady.ca/>

Ushers: Jeanette & Tom McKay

Scripture Reader: Karen Wasacase

Soloist: Sarah McQueen

Zoom Camera: Bruce Trickey

Zoom Host: Carolyn Stratford

Coffee Host: Ruth Cripps

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of *Trudy Masson*, the funeral took place last week.

As we draw near to the closing date of the sale of the building, we are required to make decisions as to where we worship next. As Session plans for the congregational meeting, to choose an option, let us remember how we started over 18 months ago. We stated we wanted to stay together as a congregation, and we needed at least a year on our own to grieve the loss of our building, our traditions, and give us time to discover who we could become as we move forward. This journey has been filled with unknowns, differing opinions, but God calls us to move forward prayerfully. With open hearts and open ears, we all have the opportunity to be part of this future.

Sunday, April 21st – A congregational meeting will follow worship. Please plan to attend as there will be a vote regarding our future.

We are holding a Farewell Celebration Lunch in our church hall on **Sunday, May 26th** following worship. Lunch to start at 12 p.m. A catered buffet of roast beef is planned, if you have any dietary needs chicken can be ordered for you instead. There will be 100 spots available for our church members, a few past members that have moved away and clergy. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend or contact the church office via email: centralpres97@gmail.com or phone 519-752-4932 and indicate whether you prefer chicken or beef.

Women's Federation Annual Meeting- The Federation Annual Meeting and potluck lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:00 p.m. in the Hall. All women of the church are welcome.