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April 19, 2026 10:00 A.M.
3rd Sunday of Easter
Annual General Meeting

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Minuet from Bernice GF Handel
* Hymn 18 (Unannounced) "Through all the changing scenes of life"
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:
One: We have come from many places, following different roads.
All: We come hungering for greater understanding.
One: We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.
All: We come seeking companions in the faith.
One: We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.
All: We come to grow as disciples of Christ.
One: Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sins
Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 51: 1-6 (p. 681)
* Responsive Psalm 34: 1-10 (p. 508/insert) -Ron Beckett

* 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: Hymn to joy WA Mozart
Katie Barr, soloist

New Testament: Luke 24: 13-35 (p. 90) -Ron Beckett

* Hymn 462 "All my hope on God is founded"

Sermon: "I Spy With My Little Eye....."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 665 "Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"
Receiving our morning offering:
* Doxology *"Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."*

Offertory Prayer
Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession
The Lord's Prayer (sins/sin against)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn 641 "One more step along the world I go"
Benediction and Choral Amen
Postlude: Corant in G Henry Purcell



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 Facebook Live today.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishnawbe, and Haudenosaunee peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening this community. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet here and re-affirm our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our community.

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.

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. Dean Adlam, our Interim Moderator at: deanandnadine@bell.net or 519-758-5516.

Hospital Pastoral Visits - if you know of anyone in hospital, please let the office know 519-752-4932 so we can arrange a pastoral visit, the Brantford General Hospital has a privacy policy that won't allow clergy to know if someone from their church is in hospital.

Reminder – if you would like to visit with Rev. Bill, he is in the building most Wednesday's between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. please call first to make sure he is in the building and not out on a pastoral care visit; 519-616-9252.

If you have any news that you would like to share with your Central church family, please send an email to the church office at: centralpres97@gmail.com

Usher: Jeanette McKay
Scripture Reader: Ron Beckett
Soloist: Katie Barr
IPad Camera: Bruce Trickey

Reminder - to shut off your cell phone before the worship service starts every Sunday.

Central Church Annual Meeting - will follow the worship service this morning. A light lunch will follow the meeting.
Annual reports are available on the side table at the back of the sanctuary.

Produce collection of the month for Friendship House - *Our next collection date is: today.*

We have chosen to collect **tomatoes (any kind)** this month. **Please drop off your donation in the bushel basket as you enter church.** Thank you in advance for supporting this community Outreach!

Please Note: Sunday, May 3rd – we will be meeting for worship on **Zoom** due to the "Hike or Bike for Hospice" and the entrance to the road to get to the church will be blocked off that morning. The parking lot will also be in use for the volunteers.

Red Dress Day – Sunday, May 3rd, wear a red dress in honour of National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls.

Women's Federation ongoing Mission Project – Six Nations Community Food Bank can use good clean used one dozen egg cartons. If you could save them and bring them to church, we will ensure they get to the food bank. They will not accept 18 egg or 24 flats. Thank you in advance for supporting this Mission Project.

Responsive Psalm 34: 1-10

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

⁸ **O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ **The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Reminder of the taxi service available to anyone to use to get to church and/or get home from church. We have set up an account with *Brant Taxi/Bell City Cab* if you need a ride to and from church on any Sunday, at no cost to you. Just call them for a ride at **519-752-1010** and the church will cover the fare. **When you call, the church account number is 397.** If you can quote this number when you call the dispatch office for a ride, it will bring up the church account at their end and is the easiest way for them to see we have an account with them. You can also quote the church name, but the number is a bit faster. Please make sure to tell the driver the new address for the church at 442 Grey Street, Unit E, it might be an idea to mention it as well during phone calls just to be safe, so they don't take you to or try to pick up at the old building on Wellington Street.

On April 30, PWS&D will be hosting Marvin Parvez at a learning event at Gale Presbyterian Church (10 Barnswallow Dr., Elmira, Ontario).

Marvin is the regional director of Community World Service Asia, who PWS&D has partnered with for 20 years in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Marvin has over three decades of experience in humanitarian assistance, development programming and advocacy.

PWS&D is currently supporting a food assistance project in Afghanistan, as well as food security and girls' education projects in Pakistan. Marvin will share about the work the church is doing to assist the most vulnerable and marginalized. All are welcome. Please RSVP. The event will begin at 12pm. Lunch will be provided.