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February 1, 2026 10:00 A.M.
4th Sunday after Epiphany
PWS&D Sunday

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(* Please stand as able, where asterisk shown)

Prelude: Arioso and Menuetto Alessandro Scarlatti
* Hymn 467 "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you"
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

One: God calls us to seek justice:

All: Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.

One: God calls us to show kindness,

All: Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.

One: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit,

All: Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.

One: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin
Assurance of Pardon

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament: Micah 6: 1-8 (p. 866)
* Responsive Psalm: 15 (p. 495/insert) -Christine Seebeck
Apostles Creed (insert)

* 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: Lord, thou art my refuge and my shield Antonin Dvořák
Terri-Lyn Paterson, soloist

New Testament: Matthew 5: 1-12 (p. 4) -Christine Seebeck

* Hymn 291 "Thou whose almighty Word"

Message: **"Fortune Cookies for Everyone"**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 709 "What does the Lord require of you"
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.

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

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn 730 "O for a world where everyone"
* Benediction and Choral Amen
Postlude: Fanfare Minuet William Duncombe

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Welcome to Central! We are so glad that you have joined us this morning either in-person or on Facebook Live. We hope that together we will find the joy and peace of Christian community.

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's weekly message is posted there.

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.

Arcady is thrilled to present its captivating new **Opera Showcase**, featuring the world premieres of three enchanting 20-minute operas that delve into the essence of humanity through lush melodies and poignant storytelling. With masterful libretti by Michaela Chiste bringing each tale to life, experience *The Innkeeper* by Ronald Beckett, *The Gardener* by Emma Theresa Verdonk, and *The Scholars* by Benjamin Gabbay—performed by a talented ensemble of singers from Ontario and beyond. This landmark event in Canadian music unfolds on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the historic Waterford Old Town Hall (76 Main St. S., Waterford, ON). Join us for an unforgettable evening that will resonate long after the final note, leaving you inspired and humming the tunes!

Don't miss out—secure your \$49 tickets early, by emailing, or calling 519-428-3185. For more details, visit arcady.ca.

Usher: Christine Seebeck

Scripture Reader: Christine Seebeck

Soloist: Terri-Lyn Paterson

IPad Camera: Bruce Trickey

A note of thanks. - Dear Rev. Bill, Ron and my church family, thank you all so very much for your support and concern during Tom's short illness and passing. Thank you for your cards and lovely messages. Especially I thank you for your presence at Tom's service, it meant so much to myself and the girls. You are all such a blessing in my life. Jeanette, Fiona and Lesley.

Today is PWS&D Sunday; envelopes are available today on the back table beside the offering plate if you wish to make a donation.

Please Note- the due date for Annual reports is Friday, February 6th. Please send your reports and financials to Carolyn in a word document to: centralpres97@gmail.com
The Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 15th following the worship service. A light lunch will follow the meeting.

Inclement weather protocol – If the weather is bad on a Sunday morning Rev. Bill and Karen Wasacase, clerk of Session will let Carolyn know before 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning and Carolyn will send out an email to all with the Zoom link to join that morning. Please check your email between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. to avoid going out on the roads in bad weather.

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

Women's Federation ongoing Mission Project – Six Nations Community Food Bank can use good clean used 1 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.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

10:30 A.M. – Trustees meeting

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

Annual Reports deadline!

Today is PWS&D Sunday Presbyterian World Service & Development is the development and relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. For over 70 years, our church has been actively working to serve marginalized and vulnerable people through Presbyterian World Service & Development. While the global context has evolved since PWS&D was first formed, what has not changed is a commitment to Christ's message of love through justice, poverty reduction and support in times of disaster.

One Mission, Two Funds

Funding for PWS&D comes directly from Presbyterian congregations and individuals across Canada. Your generous gifts allow PWS&D to seek additional funding from government sources such as Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) and provincial councils, as well as through membership in other organizations such as Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) and Canadian Churches in Action (CCA).

Presbyterians Sharing is the name of the fund that supports the national programs and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. PWS&D does not receive funds from donations to *Presbyterians Sharing*. However, contributions from *Presbyterians Sharing* provides significant support for PWS&D administration costs – helping ensure PWS&D administrative costs are kept to a minimum and overseas program funding is maximized.

Emergency Relief

PWS&D responds to emergencies around the world to help provide immediate assistance (in the form of food, shelter and medical attention), emotional support and long-term rehabilitation for those most affected.

The majority of responses are carried out through the [ACT Alliance](#), a global network of churches and organizations following disaster and conflict. We also work with [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#) (CFGB) to provide immediate food assistance and Canadian Churches in Action (CCA) to provide a unified non-food response from Canadian churches to disaster situations.

Many disasters and emergencies don't make news headlines, but the needs are no less real and the impacts on families are equally devastating.

Called to respond to suffering caused by natural disasters, long-term conflict and other emergencies, PWS&D reaches out to the most vulnerable to address immediate needs such as food, water and sanitation, and shelter, as well as long-term needs including livelihood recovery, education assistance and psychosocial support.

PWS&D is able to respond to almost any emergency situation around the world through ecumenical alliances and partnerships:

- Through [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#), PWS&D accesses food assistance funding through matching grants from the Canadian government and collaborations with other members of the Foodgrains Bank.
- Through other members of the [ACT Alliance](#), PWS&D can respond to disasters virtually anywhere in the world, providing core relief items to help communities recover and rebuild.
- Past responses with other denominations under Canadian Churches in Action has allowed PWS&D to secure government funding for non-food responses to disasters.

These relationships increase our impact and allow us to act quickly—maximizing Presbyterian support to benefit more people in need.

Your Gifts Make a Difference!

Thanks to your faithful and generous support, families are receiving food assistance in times of hunger and people are being supported when disaster and conflict. Your donations help alleviate the suffering of people in crisis.

The Apostles Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Responsive Psalm 15:

A Psalm of David.

¹ O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;**

³ who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

⁴ **in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

⁵ who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.