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February 25, 2024 10:00 A.M.  
Lent II



### WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

- Prelude: Prelude Henryk Pachulski  
Короткая история Dimitry Kabalevsky
- \* Entry of the Bible
- \* Hymn (unannounced) 194 “Come, let us to the Lord our God”
- Welcome and Announcements

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

M: Those who want to save their lives

**P: have good health insurance, pay their bills on time, exercise and eat right.**

M: Those who want to save their lives will lose them.  
Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God

**P: who abandon the world's values, who live generously and faithfully, who listen to a voice beyond.**

M: Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God will find life.  
May we learn the value of loss.

**P: May we know the value of life.**

**All: Amen.**

Prayer of Approach and the Lord's Prayer  
Assurance of Forgiveness  
Lenten Responsive Reading

–Ruth Cripps

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Scriptures:

- Old Testament: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (p. 13)
- \* Responsive Psalm 22: 23-31 (p. 501) –Ruth Cripps
- \* *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: We sing to Him Henry Purcell  
Sarah McQueen, soloist

The Scriptures:

- Christian Scripture: Romans 4: 13-25 (p. 155)
- Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38 (p. 44) –Ruth Cripps

- \* Hymn 328 “This is my Father's World”

Sermon: “Laughing at God”

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* Hymn 211 “Take up your cross”
- Thought for the Day  
Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

- \* Hymn 651 “Guide me, O thou great Redeemer”  
Benediction and Choral Amen
- Postlude: Rondo Muzio Clementi

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**Welcome!** Again we are pleased that you could be in worship this morning, as it is our hope, together, that everyone will find joy, peace, and community here. We also welcome those that have joined us remotely via Zoom.

**The Annual meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary following worship. Lunch in the hall follows the meeting. **Please plan to attend as there will be decisions and voting regarding our future!**

Lunch in the hall following the annual meeting will be soup and sandwiches provided by the Session. Please use the signup sheet on the back table to indicate if you are attending the lunch after the meeting and if you can bring a dessert that day. Thanks in advance.

We will celebrate *Communion* on **Sunday, March 3rd**. All are welcome at the Table of our Lord.

**PLANNING FOR TOMORROW MEETING** - thank you to all that attended the last planning meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the **fourth** PLANNING FOR TOMORROW MEETING in the church hall on **Wednesday, March 13th at 10:30 am**. This is an opportunity for EVERYONE to share their thoughts about the future of Central Presbyterian Church. **Please plan to attend.**

**Worship services will resume in the sanctuary on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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.

**We are new to Instagram** as of Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>! 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" and 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](mailto:roundrev@rogers.com)

#### **TUESDAY, FEB. 27**

6:00 P.M. – Sparks & Embers in the Kindergarten Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28**

1:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. – Kids Drama class meet in Hall

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

**Usher:** Marylou Chatland  
**Scripture Reader:** Ruth Cripps  
**Lenten Reader:** Ruth Cripps  
**Soloist:** Sarah McQueen  
**Zoom camera:** Christine Seebeck  
**Zoom Host:** Carolyn Stratford  
**Coffee Host:** Ruth Cripps

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended** to the Bean & Blue family on the death of sister-in-law to Debbie Bean, aunt to Jenn Blue last week.

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended** to Karen Moffat and family on the death of *Mark Moffat* on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Copies of the Annual Report** are available on the back table this morning.

If you haven't picked up your tax receipt yet, please do so this morning. **Please pick up and deliver to family, friends and neighbours to save the church postage. Elders please look through the box and deliver to anyone in your district.**

**Blessing Centre Update** - It was a warm, "spring like" day last Tuesday when we hosted our monthly meal at the Blessing Centre. Many thanks to Ruth Cripps and Christine Seebeck for their work in the afternoon preparing the casserole, buttering the rolls and mixing the Cole slaw. Nigel Cripps was a great help delivering the hot food, salad and rolls to the Centre and then staying to help serve the meal. Our serving crew was Dave Bissett, Mary Campbell, Carol and Herman Sterkenburg, Linda Cox, Mary Guillemette, and Nigel. We had five pans of casserole and were able to prepare **175** "take away" meals. Our supper also included coleslaw, mixed vegetables, a buttered roll, a bag of mini carrots, a juice box and dessert. When we had given out the 175 meals, we used premade ham sandwiches for the final people who arrived. A total of **193** meals were distributed. Our next meal is on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**.