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March 8, 2026 10:00 A.M.  
Lent III



### WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(\* Please stand as able, where asterisk shown)

Prelude: Chaconne (from The Innkeeper) Ronald Beckett  
\* Hymn 61 (Psalm 95) "Oh come and sing unto the Lord"  
Welcome and Announcements

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

One: God's Truth opens our eyes on the world.

**All: God's Spirit shatters our prejudice.**

One: God's Truth nourishes our hearts.

**All: God's Spirit encourages us in the face of fear.**

One: God's Truth frees us from past mistakes and misunderstanding.

**All: God's Spirit moves us to find new purpose in life.**

One: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sins  
Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Responsive Reading (see insert)

-Ted Morwick

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p. 64)  
\* Responsive Psalm 95 (p. 550 /insert) -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: I see the love of God in every river David Ouchterlony  
Daphne Clarke, soloist

New Testament: John 4: 5-42 (p. 94-95) -Ruth Cripps

\* Hymn 25 "As long as the hart"

Sermon: "The Bucket List"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 758 "Christ's is the world"  
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 671 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"  
\* Benediction and Choral Amen  
Postlude: Viennese Sonata in C WA Mozart

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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.

**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.

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.

**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.

**Stage curtains** – we moved the stage curtains from the old building and they have been sitting around for a year and a half. We have tried to sell them to other churches, and on social media, and there was no interest. If anyone has a use for them or knows of someone or an organization that could use them, please let the office know, otherwise they will be gone by the end of March, 2026!

**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 are also available on Facebook live today for those that are joining us remotely.

**Ushers:** Ruth & Nigel Cripps

**Scripture Reader:** Ruth Cripps

**Lenten Reader:** Ted Morwick

**Soloist:** Daphne Clarke

**IPad Camera:** Bruce Trickey

**The sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the Whittaker family on the death of Dennis' older brother *George Whittaker* who died last week. He was 94.

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

**Central Church Annual Meeting** - will be held on **Sunday, March 15th** immediately following the worship service. A light lunch will follow the meeting. Please plan to stay.

**The Trustees** are looking to the congregation for organizations/projects to donate to for 2026. If you have any ideas of groups that would benefit from our mission funds, please forward them to Cathie Trickey at [ctrickey51@hotmail.com](mailto:ctrickey51@hotmail.com) or 519-759-7172. We will discuss these ideas at the Annual Meeting on March 15th.

**Maundy Thursday Pot Luck!** - We will gather at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 2nd, at the church for a wonderful pot luck supper and communion. Bring your favourite dish to share with others. We can reheat food if need be. Then we'll pause for a time of remembrance during a communion service. This might be a GREAT time to invite someone to come with you. It is free after all. Hope to see you all there!

**TUESDAY, MAR. 10**

12:00 P. M. – St. Andrew's Circle Lunch meeting

## Responsive Psalm 95

### A Call to Worship and Obedience

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup> **O come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice!

<sup>8</sup> **Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

<sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

<sup>10</sup> **For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways.”**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore in my anger I swore,  
“They shall not enter my rest.”

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**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

**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!

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