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March 9, 2025 10:00 A.M.
Lent I

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Meditation on *Qui habitat* (Psalm 91) Ronald Beckett
* Hymn (unannounced) 57 "On Eagles Wings"
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

All: We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

One: Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

All: For God is the One in whom we trust.

One: The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

All: Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

One: So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

All: We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sins
Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

-Nigel Cripps

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (p. 180-181)
* Responsive Psalm 91 (p. 548/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: Time is sleeping (poem by Nick Peros) Ronald Beckett
Sarah McQueen, soloist

New Testament: Luke 4: 1-13 (p. 61) -Ruth Cripps
* Hymn 198 "I hunger and I thirst"

Sermon: "Geraldine Says"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 197 "Forty days and forty nights"
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 204 "Thou didst leave thy throne"
* Benediction and Choral Amen
Postlude: The heavens declare (Psalm 19) Benedetto Marcello



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.

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 most weeks.

Copies of the popular daily devotional book – Our Daily Bread for January – March 2025 have arrived! Help yourself to a copy on the high table as you enter the sanctuary if interested.

TUESDAY, MAR. 11

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

March 15: Fairview Community Centre presents accomplished entertainer **Sonny Sinclair** for an evening of eclectic music featuring rock, country and folk tunes that span the decades. Dinner of beef on a bun, salads and deserts catered by **Strodes** will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm followed by the concert at 7:00 pm. A cash bar (beer and wine) will be available. Tickets \$30.00 available by calling 519 752 8549.

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

Usher: Ruth & Nigel Cripps
Scripture Reader: Ruth Cripps
Lenten Liturgy: Nigel Cripps
Soloist: Sarah McQueen
IPad Camera: Bruce Trickey
Facebook Moderator: Carolyn Stratford
Coffee Host: Ruth Cripps

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

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.

Central Church Annual Meeting - will be held on **Sunday, March 30th** immediately following the worship service. A light lunch will follow the meeting. Please plan to stay.

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.

Responsive Psalm 91

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,^[a]
- ² will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
- ⁴ he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
- ⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,^[b]
the Most High your dwelling place,
- ¹⁰ no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.
- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- ¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
- ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.