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March 23, 2025 10:00 A.M.
Lent III



WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(* Please stand as able, where asterisk shown)

Prelude: Chorale, Etude, Sicilienne Robert Schumann
* Hymn (unannounced) 39 "God of mercy, God of grace"
Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

One: Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God who is near.

All: We will return to the Lord our God.

One: God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

All: We come, seeking new paths to follow.

One: As the heavens are higher than the earth so are God's ways higher than ours.

All: We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way. Let us worship God with thankful hearts!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sins

Assurance of Pardon

Lenten Responsive Reading (see insert)

-Nigel Cripps

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1-13 (p. 685-686)
* Responsive Psalm 63: 1-8 (p. 527/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: Song of Thanks Ronald Beckett
Katie Walshaw, soloist

New Testament: Luke 13: 1-9 (p. 76) -Ruth Cripps

* Hymn 366 "Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts"

Sermon: "Six Long Years"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 642 "O Master, let me walk with thee"
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: Prologue Healey Willan

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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.

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 also on 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".

Blessing Centre Update - It was a busy night at the Blessing Centre with 178 meals distributed. Due to the temperamental stoves at the Blessing Centre, Ruth Cripps, with the help Christine Seebeck, changed the menu to pulled pork on a bun so the meat could be cooked in a slow cooker. This was an additional challenge as they navigated the prep. Many thanks to Ruth, Christine and James Seebeck for their work preparing the meal. In addition to the pulled pork, the meal included peas, coleslaw, and a scoop of mashed potatoes. A juice box, dessert and mini carrots were also available. Our serving volunteers were Carol and Herman Sterkenburg, Linda Cox, Dave Bissett, Mary Guillemette, Christine Seebeck, Joyce and Peter David. Our next meal will be on Tuesday, April 15th.

TUESDAY, MAR. 25

12:00 P. M. - Grace circle meets for lunch off site

Easter Flower donations – We are collecting money for an Easter floral display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, as we have done in the past. Please see the clip board on the card table at the door to sign up and leave your donation. Your donation can be in memory of, or in celebration of or whatever/whomever you would like to recognize. The list will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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: Nigel Cripps

Soloist: Katie Walshaw

IPad Camera: Bruce Trickey

Facebook Live Moderator: Carolyn Stratford

Coffee Host: Ruth Cripps

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

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.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available next week for the Annual meeting immediately following the worship service. This coming week the office will email out copies to the congregation in a pdf.

Blessing Centre Donations - Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we collected 50 pair of socks, 27 pair of underwear, 9 hats, 7 pair of gloves and mitts 1 scarf and 1 blanket.

Maundy Thursday Pot Luck! - Let us gather at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 17, 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!

Responsive Psalm 63: 1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,^[a]
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶ when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,
⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
⁸ My soul clings to you;
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