

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
December 27, 2020 – 10:30 am
First Sunday after Advent

Central Queens' Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship, we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lights of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Carol Joy to the World VU #59

*Opening Prayer

Praise the living God! Praise God from the heavens:
sun and moon and shining stars, praise the living God!

Praise God's Holy Name,
**whose word speaks all things into being
who is present in the expanse of the universe,
and in the voices of children.**

Praise the living God, our rescuer and deliverer,
**whose wonder is found in the heavens and in all creation,
who comes in innocence, and with mercy.**

O God, our light, our beauty, our rest:
with the appearance of your son you have brought us
into your new creation.

**Form us into your people, and root our lives in you;
through Christ, the Living Light.**

*Carol Go, Tell It on the Mountain VU #43

Hearing God's Word

Isaiah 35:1-10 *The Return of the Redeemed to Zion*

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem VU #64

Story

Isaiah 11:1-9 *The Peaceful Kingdom*

Carol Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay 'round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel

"Hither, page, and stand by me
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league, hence
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes' fountain"

"Bring me mead and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear him thither"

Page and monarch forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather

"Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer"
"Mark my footsteps, my good page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly"

In his master's steps he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Story

Isaiah 9:2-7 *Light in the Darkness*

Carol It Came Upon the Midnight Clear VU #44

Story

Isaiah 63:7-9 *God's Mercy Remembered*

Carol Silent Night, Holy Night VU #67

Story

Anthem

Responding to God's Word

Community at Prayer

Invitation to Offering

***Offering** In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 vs 4

Offering Prayer

***Hymn** See Amid the Winter's Snow VU #76

*Blessing

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us
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Warm Welcome to All – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Oscar Lajeunesse.
Lovingly remembers by Lois Lajeunesse

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

Registration for Church Services: Registration is **required**. Masks are **required** while attending church. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. If you are registering **after Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page if our church service is cancelled.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

FundScrip –The first order date for 2021 is Sunday, January 10th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, at 7 pm.

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24th. Deadline for reports is **Monday, January 11th**. Please email them to office@cquc.ca.

Food Bank –Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. We will meet at the Dr. Kent G. Ellis Memorial Park. All are welcome.

Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the house.
All the creatures were stirring, but thankfully not a mouse.

The gifts had been opened with presents and toys,
And the kids were all playing with wildness and noise.

The wrappings and gifts were strewn round the tree:
So many things there, no floor could I see.
The sounds all around me led me to believe
That all of us were ready some sleep to receive.

There were sounds of Legos, doll play, and games,
While I also heard one call another one names.
When I went to inspect, I tripped over the mess;
And when asked "Can I have more candy, Mom?" I answered, "I guess."

I sat down and surveyed the chaotic scene,
And I wondered if we'd lost sight of what it all means.
But I saw a sad sibling getting hugged by another,
And I saw them having fun and playing with each other.

Surrounded by all of the candy and toys,
We're trying to teach them of permanent joys.
We're trying to put away all of the mounds of stuff,
And teach them that Jesus is more than enough.

I know in my heart that this lesson isn't taught
In one day of celebration or one Advent Wreath bought.
It's taught in the lives we live out day by day,
In the way that we choose to live, work, and play.

The choice to glorify God, to live lives in His praise,
Is one that we must choose to make each of our days.
My desire is for my children to know
That it's not just on Christmas Day we can our love for God show.

And so as we end our celebrations for this year,
The message for myself and for my children to hear
Is that we can ever seek to love God with our behavior
Because all year long He's our Lord and our Savior.