

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent -- Hope

Baptism

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

Quiet Preparation for Worship (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

Bible Presentation

***Introit** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" MV #16

***Call to Worship**

A branch begins to bud -
we wait with hope.

A new day begins to dawn -
we wait with patience.

A life begins to heal -
we wait with prayer.
A heart begins to open -
we wait for God.
Come, let us worship God.

Music Video

Advent Candle Lighting --- Hope

When the world seems scary
When we try to escape and hide
The Holy invites us to confront fear
That we may find Hope
(Light candle of Hope)

So let us go inward, let us be quiet. Close your eyes, or focus on the candle, and find the hope that is inside.... Where is that hope that is inside of you? If you can't find it today, ask God to help you find it. Sit quietly and notice the hope....

(a few moments of silence)

Jesus, help your light to shine in us as hope.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Responsive Psalm 25:1–10

VU #752

Sacrament of Baptism

THE STATEMENT

Minister:

Hear the command of the risen Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you;

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mtt.28:18-20)

In baptism we celebrate God’s love, a love revealed in the life,
death and resurrection of our

Lord Jesus Christ, a love which has surrounded us from our beginning.

In baptism we proclaim that God has acted to save us.

God washes us in cleansing waters and brings us into the church,

the living body of Christ. When we baptize children, we dedicate them to God,
knowing that even though we may fail, God will not; that God will continue,
through the Holy Spirit, the work begun this day,
a work in which life triumphs over death.

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the congregation of Central Queens United Church I present the following child for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

[Teddy Peter Abb] son of Travis and Marcie Dykerman]

QUESTIONS AND PROMISES

Minister: Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice with all?

Parents' Response: I do.

Minister: Do you believe in God, Source of love, in Jesus the Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

Parents' Response: I do.

Minister: Will you join with your sisters and brothers in the mission and ministry of Christ' church?

Parents' Response: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Will you share with Teddy the Christian life, and seek to grow with him in faith, hope, and love?

Parents' Response: I will, God being my helper.

Congregation, please rise.

Minister: Let us pledge to Travis, Marcie, and Teddy our support and care.

Congregational Response

As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.

May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.

Confession of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn "I Have Called you By Your Name"

MV #161

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

(Water is poured into the font)

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and, within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation; by water comes the growth of the earth.

Through water you led the children of Israel to freedom; in the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Baptism

Teddy Peter Abb, I baptize you in the name of the Father (creator), and the Son,(redeemer) and of the Holy Spirit (sustainer). **Amen.**

Teddy Peter Abb, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

Teddy Peter Abb, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness to God who created you. **Amen.**

Giving of a Candle

Receive this candle; it symbolizes that in Baptism we have passed from darkness to light.

Shine as a light in this world, to the glory of God.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES & BIBLES

WELCOME

Into the household of faith,
we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ.

We are inheritors of God's promise.

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

BAPTISMAL BENEDICTION

VU# 454

May God who creates you give you light.

May God who sustains you make you wise.

May God who protects you give you joy.

May God who surrounds you give you peace.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

In struggle and in joy, God is faithful to us.
We bring forth our offerings – our tithes,
our treasures, our least coins –
to demonstrate our faithfulness to God.

Offertory

“God, We See What You Have Given”

Tune VU #260

God, we see what you have given;
signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven --
gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty,
called to give as we've received;
and your blessings have been plenty
from the day we first believed.

Author Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

**O Faithful One,
accept these gifts of our hearts and hands.
May they be multiplied and magnified
as the living presence of Christ in the world. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.

Luke 21:25–36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Anthem

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

***Hymn**

“Oh a Song Must Rise”

MV #142

***Blessing**

Send us into the world refreshed in hope,
Awake, alert, attuned to your presence
ready to join your work of blessing for all.
Amen.

Postlude

Go Now in Peace

VU #964

*Please stand as you are able.