

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
December 11, 2022 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday in Advent – Joy

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

Lighting the Candle of Joy *Advent Candles Are Lit*

Hymn A Candle Is Burning VU #6 vs 1, 2 & 3

Prayer
**Startling God, we thank you for the joyful obedience of Mary.
We ask you to fill us with your grace, so that we, too, may
accept your call, and rejoice in your salvation. Amen.**

Bible Presentation

*Introit Angels We Have Heard on High VU #38 vs 3

*Call to Worship
Our souls magnify the Lord.
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
**We come today with eager hope,
awaiting God's new revelation.**
The mighty One has done great things!

*Call to Worship (continued)
God's mercy covers generations.
We come today desiring peace, filled with anticipation.
The One who lifted up the lowly
And filled the hungry, dwells with us.
**We come today with fervent joy, we worship with great
expectation.**
(Inspired by Luke 1:46b-55, The Magnificat)

*Hymn Hark the Glad Sound VU #29

Prayer of Approach
**God of Mary, Ruth, Bathsheba and Rahab—
God of us all, your children here and your children afar—
We enter this moment of worship with eager anticipation.
We know that even before a child would come to lead the way,
you were leading our way. From the valleys of the shadows of
death to the tables in the presence of enemies, you have never
left us nor forsaken us. Your rod and your staff have guided us.
Guide us now, O God. Make your presence known as we
worship you in spirit and in truth.**

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

Responsive Reading – Luke 1:47-55 *Song of Mary* VU #898

Sacrament of Baptism
Please see insert

Children may retire to Sunday School

Invitation to Transformation

Prayer of Transformation and New Life
**God, we confess that we have often placed our hope in people
and things that can't fulfill our every need. We have searched
for peace in shallow places. We have mistaken joy for
momentary pleasure.**

Prayer of Transformation and New Life (continued)

We have put limits on the ways we love, excluding those who need our loving kindness the most. God, when we have lost our way, show us yours. Guide us to the hope in you that will renew our strength. Lead us to your peace that transcends all understanding. Fill us with a joy we can only experience in your presence. Remind us that you have always loved us with everlasting love, so that we may share that love with others. Amen.

Assurance of God's Transformative Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Called by Earth and Sky MV #135

*Offertory Prayer

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community and beyond

We dedicate these gifts.

For the ways it'll help us live into God's unconditional love

We dedicate these gifts.

Let these gifts strengthen our call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Hope Shines as the Solitary Star MV #220

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you have joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Kathryn Bowman & John Bentham. Bulletins are donated by Austin Bowman and his family.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of our parents, Edith Rackham (Dec 12, 1933 – April 11, 2012) and Robert Rackham (October 28, 1930 – May 9, 2020). Always loved by Bruce, Debbie, Bobbie & Family.

Sympathies are extended to Sam & Debra MacLeod on the loss of Debra's mother, Vernita Faithfull.

Christmas Services

Inter-generational Christmas Eve Communion Service	December 24 th at 6 pm
Christmas Day Service	December 25 th at 10:30 am

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.

In-Church Services: Masks are recommended but not required.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing the last order for 2022 today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. First order date for 2023 is January 8th.



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.

Rosewood Service will be held this Thursday, December 15th, at 6:30 pm. Greg and the Elders will be leading the service.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Christmas Carol Concert – Join us next Sunday, December 18th, for a Christmas featuring Central Queens Musical Friends & guest performers. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. This musical program will provide folks with nostalgic carols as well as a variety of seasonal music from past to present. Come, relax and escape the hustle and bustle and enjoy the reason for the season. Free-will offering.

Mitten Tree – The mitten tree has been set up again this year at the back of the sanctuary. Let's cover the tree with lots of mittens, scarfs and hats! These items will then be distributed to schools. The tree will be up until Christmas Eve. Help us fill our mitten tree to overflowing!

Scent-Free – “*No scents make good sense*” recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

Church Fund-Raiser – Are you ready to put up your Christmas tree? Contact David Butterworth. The cost of the Christmas trees are by donation and all funds will be donated to our church. David is located at 11 Wilson-Butterworth Lane, Wheatley River. Phone: 782-377-4203.

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

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th, at 7:15 pm.

Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, after the worship service. Deadline for reports is **Wednesday, January 11th**. Please email them to office@cquc.ca. Thank You.

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.

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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 is paused until after Christmas.

Puzzle Exchange – In the foyer there is a cart with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful winter activity.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs when are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your can tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Community News

Carol Service at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, December 18th, at 7 p.m. Music by the Winsloe United Church Choir, soloists, and musicians. The evening will include traditional and contemporary Christmas music as well as a Christmas carol sing. Free-will offering.

Winsloe United Church Christmas Concert on Monday, December 19th, at 7 pm. Featuring Dino and the Harmonies with special guest Eddy Quinn. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

