

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
December 4, 2022 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday in Advent - Peace

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 of the Candle of Peace *Advent Candles Are Lit*

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

Prayer

Disturbing God, we thank you for the witness of John the Baptist. Help us to be open to the changing power of your love, and to be true witnesses to the power of Jesus in our lives. Amen

Bible Presentation

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

*Call to Worship

A shoot comes from Jesse's stump,
And a branch shall spring from roots.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.
Let all the people give God praise.**
A leader comes who will lift the poor.

*Call to Worship (continued)

This leader will have righteousness around his waist.

Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.

Let all the people give God praise.

A child comes from an innocent place

With wisdom and might he'll lead the way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.

Let all the people give God praise.

(Inspired by Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13)

*Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

VU #20

Prayer of Approach

God of the waiting wanderers in the wilderness, we enter this moment of worship expecting that when we leave these moments of prayer, we will be full of the courage needed to stand as a signal. We come to the mountain to feel closer to your presence, O God. May righteousness flourish and peace abound. You, alone, are the God who does wondrous things. May your glory fill this place as we worship you in spirit and in truth.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 72:1-8, 18-19 *Parts One & Three* VU #790

*Hymn

Breath of God. Breath of Peace

MV #24 vs 1 & 2

A Time for All Ages

*Hymn

Breath of God, Breath of Peace

MV #24 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Confession

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

God, we admit that we do not always stand as a signal for your righteousness. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, we often leave little room to share our faith — little room to be your hands and feet in a world that needs us now more than ever. In the warm belly of comfort, we often relax in the layers of our privilege. Attending to the needs of the least of these becomes a distant thought.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us the courage to stand tall, to follow in the footsteps of the one who came to secure justice for the poor, bring equity to the meek, and condemn the wicked ways that destroyed life.

And on that day, we shall stand as a signal to the people.

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering Called by Earth and Sky MV #135 vs 2

*Offertory Prayer

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the strengthening of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a signal to the people that there is a God who saves, heals and sets free. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Isaiah 11:1-10 *The peaceable reign of God*
Matthew 3:1-12 *John the Baptist preaches*

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

*Hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU #684

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace VU #964

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 Helena & Ivan Bowman. Bulletins are donated by Austin Bowman and his family.

Christmas Services

Inter-generational Christmas Eve December 24th at 6 pm
Communion Service (*Please note changes*)
Christmas Day Service December 25th 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 – The next order date will be Sunday, December 11th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. **Last order date for 2022 is next Sunday, December 11th.**

FündScrip

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 next Thursday, December 15th, at 6:30 pm. Greg and the Elders will be leading the service.

Christmas Carol Concert – You are invited to join us in a Christmas Concert next Sunday, December 18th, featuring Central Queens Musical Friends & guest performers. 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. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. with a free will offering as the price to attend this evening of celebration.

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

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.

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.

Over . . .

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

Winsloe United Church Country Christmas Concert tomorrow night, December 5th, at 7:00 pm. Jacinta MacDonald and Colleen MacPhee present the Christmas music of Rita MacNeill and traditional Christmas songs. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Prepare Sunday–Second Sunday in Advent

Prepare the geography of your soul
For the caller of every ewe,
The shepherd of verdant proclamations:
Water the wastelands of unforgiveness
With torrential tears
See dust turn to dew.
Level the mountains of peaked pride
So they become grazing fields
Feeding the least and hungriest of these,
All those you have outcasted, spurned.
Smooth out the crags and cracks of your words
Feel the balm of God’s breath in your repentance.
Go to the Jordan on the other side of your doubts
And be baptized in a font of faith
Hasten all these preparations and then
Wait and watch for one with untied sandal straps
Coming to embrace you.

By: Philip C. Kolin

