

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 20, 2022 – 10:30 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ

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 Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit All People That on Earth Do Dwell VU #822 vs 1

*Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

We gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

We gather to bear witness to all that God has done for us.

Come, behold the works of God!

We gather to worship our God who loves and protects us.

*Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name VU #334

Opening Prayer

Though many forces have scattered us in various ways, we invite you to, O God, bring us together. Help us focus on things that bring life and light to all. Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits, Gathering God, to be present and ready to receive exactly what we need from this time of worship.

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

Responsive Reading – Luke 1:68-79 Song of Zechariah VU #900

*Hymn The Lord Told Noah

A Time for All Ages

Music *Children may retire to Sunday School*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

It's so easy for us to get caught up in our human-made divisions. Whether survival instincts or capitalistic drive, we separate ourselves from those who don't look, think, or act like us. We unintentionally allow our differences to stain the beauty of your diversity. Our many different households, family structures, belief systems and various identities become tools of divisiveness rather than gifts of the divine. We hear your call to new possibilities, to new life.

Assurance of Amazing Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
VU #541

Offertory Prayer

We're grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so!

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 23:33-43

Anthem Days of Elijah

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Dance with the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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 Kirk Allen. Lovingly remembered by Janice MacPherson and family.

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, November 27th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. Promotions for November are Swiss Chalet/Montana's 10%, Boston Pizza 10%, Giant Tiger 5%, Winners/Homesense 8% and Shell 3%.

FündScrip

Frozen Pie Sale Fundraiser – Today is the final day to place your orders. Pie pickup will be December 8th (tentatively) from 12 noon – 6 pm. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

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.

Holly Jolly Christmas will be held on November 24th at 7 pm. This is a free fun evening for women. To register, please call the church office at 902-964-2221. Space is limited.

Christmas Carol Service – Central Queens Musical Friends & Guests invites you to attend a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, December 18th, at 7 pm. Admission is a goodwill offering.

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.

Art Exhibit – Gill Wilson-Butterworth and Christine R-Belanger invite you to their art exhibit. They have produced a series of paintings of PEI lighthouses. Gill uses acrylic and Christine uses watercolor, so the paintings are the same yet different. The exhibit will be at the Central Queens United Church on Saturday, November 26th, from 4 pm to 8 pm. Please come and share in the excitement of their achievement.

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.

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.

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.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers - Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday from 12 pm – 1 pm. Be sure to check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

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

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 Ceilidh is tomorrow, Monday, November 21st, at 7 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Lester MacPherson and Colleen MacPhee. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Holiday Market - Spring Park United Church is holding a Holiday Market on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9 am-noon in the Church Auditorium. Please use the Trafalgar Street entrance. In addition to homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, and fudge, there will be Christmas decorations, games and puzzles, crafts, jewelry, festive greenery and gently used gift items. Come early for the best selection. Please bring your own bag.

“A Village Christmas” - The New Glasgow Christmas Choir will present “A Village Christmas” on Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd & 4th at 7:30 pm at the New Glasgow Christian Church (opposite the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers). There is no admission charge for this musical drama that all ages will enjoy. Donations will be received to send a stable full of animals to a World Vision village - “changing the world one village at a time”!

Annual Silent Auction – The Island Pregnancy Centre is hosting its Annual Silent Auction online again this year. We are going completely Christmas themed with many wonderful Christmas items - baked goods, cakes, turkey dinner fixings, food gift certificates, specialty items for gifts, Christmas decor, Christmas wrapping skills and more! Please go to our website or Facebook page to register to bid! Auction runs from Nov 21-25.

Go here to register: www.islandpregnancycentre.com/silentauction

Mission & Service - Your Generosity Inspires Purpose: Nicole's Story
Nicole was in crisis. Her mental health had taken a turn for the worse. She hit rock bottom and turned to 1JustCity, a Winnipeg-based Mission & Service partner that supports three drop-in centres, for support. Before long, Nicole was not only attending programs but also started volunteering. She carried boxes, made coffee, and ran the dishwasher. She laughs as she talks about how trucking boxes upstairs is a good way to get in shape.

It's been seven years since Nicole first walked through 1JustCity's doors. She's never looked back.

Last year, Nicole applied to enter a job-training program. Now, she is staff at 1JustCity. "I love being staff. I feel respected. Working gives me a reason to get up in the morning. I feel mentally better about myself. It gives me a routine. Having something to do each day improves your mental health," she says, smiling.

Above all, what warms Nicole's heart most is making a difference in someone else's life. "Helping people feels awesome. Every single day you are there you are helping people. Giving them food. Giving them hygiene. Sometimes we have clothes. We help with emergencies. People meet in groups to support each other. It makes a difference." Your Mission & Service gifts help people like Nicole not only find support but also discover what is meaningful to them. "1JustCity has been my rock, and without it I would be all over the place," she says. "The Mission & Service of the United Church has changed my life because it gives me purpose every day."

Thank you for your generous support.