

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 27, 2022 – 10:30 am

First Sunday in 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

Lighting of the Candle of Hope *Advent Candle is Lit*

Hymn A Candle Is Burning VU #6 vs 1

Prayer

Living God, we thank you for faithful people of every age. We pray that we, too, may have faith, in spite of the darkness of our times and may we look for the coming of Jesus into our world. Amen.

Bible Presentation

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

*Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!"

We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing within God's gates.

*Call to Worship (continued)

Come, let us go up to the mountain that the Giver may teach us the way of peace.

We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.

We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

(Inspired by Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:15)

*Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU #1

Prayer of Approach

God of the faith that the bleak past taught us,

God of the hope that the present has brought us,

We call on you in this hour of worship.

**We know that you need no invitation to be with us—
for you are already and always with us—**

Emmanuel, even before the Child was born.

**We open our hearts to receive your gifts,
for you are the Giver of hope, the Giver of peace,
the Giver of joy, the Giver of love.**

**Make your presence known as we make ourselves
available to you.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 122 VU #845

*Hymn Hope Is a Star VU #7 vs 1 & 2

A Time for All Ages

*Hymn Hope Is a Star VU #7 vs 3 & 4

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Confession

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

In a world full of hopelessness, we have sometimes forgotten that you are our hope, dear God. Consumed by the chaos of the world, we lean into helplessness instead of your loving embrace. We cling to the stony roads and the bitter rods felt in days when unborn hope had died; we've forgotten that you promised us hope for a future. So, stimulate our memory, dear God. Remind us of that hope you assured us of. Be with us as we cling to it in the midnight hours of waiting.

Assurance of God's Unending 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,
we dedicate these gifts.

For the ways it'll help us live out God's mission,
we dedicate these gifts.

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

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 24:36-44

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Tomorrow Christ Is Coming VU #27

***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 Ethel & Leonard Bowman. Bulletins are donated by Austin Bowman and his family.

Christmas Services

Inter-generational Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 6:30 pm
Christmas Day Communion 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 – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date will be Sunday, December 11th. This will be the **last** order date for 2022. 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

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 this Saturday, November 26th, from 4 pm to 8 pm. Please come and share in the excitement of their achievement.

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.

Christmas Carol Concert – You are invited to join us in a Christmas Concert on 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.

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.

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.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers is paused until after Christmas.

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.

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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.

Community News

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”!

Winsloe United Church Country Christmas Concert on Monday, 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.

