

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
January 22, 2023 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit**                      Come All You People                      MV #2

**\*Call to Worship**

Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

**Behold the greatness of the Holy One in the expansiveness of these sacred spaces.**

We seek God's face on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

**We live in the presence of the Holy One all the days of our lives.**

We call out for God's grace, strength and guidance.

**Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God's greatness.**

**\*Hymn**                      All People That on Earth Do Dwell                      VU #822

**Prayer of Approach**

**God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. Thrill us with your majesty and inspire us with your humility. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you. We're grateful to find you.**

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 27:1, 4-9                      VU #754-755

**\*Hymn**                      This Is God's Wonderous World                      VU #296 vs 1 & 2

**All God's Children**

**\*Hymn**                      This Is God's Wonderous World                      VU #296 vs 3

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

**Call to Transformation and New Life**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Sovereign God, how often do we turn toward ourselves or others for validation and deliverance rather than seek your wisdom, will and way? How often have we sought our own measure of greatness apart from the realm of your kingdom? How long have you waited for us to seek you? Forgive us, O God, and call us back to your presence, plan and purpose.**

**Assurance of God's Unending Love**

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering**                      What Can I Do?                      MV #191

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Great God, receive our gifts of ourselves and our resources for the benefit and building of the Kindom. Amen.

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Scripture**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Matthew 4:12-23

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind VU #608

**\*Blessing**

**\*Choral Benediction** Dance with the Spirit MV #156

**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 Allan Smith. Lovingly remembered by Wanda & 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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

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

**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.

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



**Annual Meeting** – Our annual meeting will be held next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Reports** – Copies of the Annual Report are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Church Calendar Fund-Raiser** – We have a few extra calendars this year. Anyone interested in having one can pick them up at the church office. Cost is \$10 each.

**Bookworms United is Back!** Come join the Book Club on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at the church. The book up for discussion is **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman. It is widely available in bookstores and the Public Library may have a few copies. Please bring a title (and author) of a book that you think might be a good read. Coffee at 9 am and book discussion will be from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Please note earlier start time. All are welcome.

**Scent-Free** – “No scents make good sense”

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to [veldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**Bulletin Deadline** – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**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.

**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 on pause. Stay tuned for when they will resume.

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which 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 pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

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

### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh** this afternoon, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Chad Matthews and Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

### A MINUTE TO SPEND

So, you only have a minute to spend?  
Well, here’s what a minute will buy –  
A word to let someone know that you care,  
A smile to a passerby,  
A bit of communion with God and God’s world,  
A “thank you” that’s maybe long due,  
A deep look inward to change your sights  
And broaden your point of view.  
If you have all of a minute to spend,  
How very lucky you are!  
For a minute will buy you a whole heart’s prayer,  
And pay your way clean to a star!  
*By: Helen Lowrie Marshall*