

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 8, 2023 – 10:30 am

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of the Lord

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 All Who Are Thirsty MV #4

*Call to Worship

Give glory to God and bow in holy splendour!

The voice of the Creator renews and rebirths.

Give glory to God and bow in holy splendour!

The voice of God redeems and restores.

Give glory to the Living Water and bow in holy splendour!

The voice of the Living Water refreshes and revives.

Glory to God!

*Hymn Shall We Gather at the River VU #710

Prayer of Approach

Voice, Body, and Spirit, you make your presence among us.

We receive your love and affirmation. We cherish your guidance and direction. We follow your path and example. Remind us of our connection to you and your covenantal relationship with us.

Wash us in the baptized life for renewal and revitalization.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 29 VU #756

*Hymn I've Got Peace Like a River vs 1 & 2

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean in my soul

All God's Children

*Hymn I've Got Peace Like a River vs 3 & 4

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul
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Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Liberating God, we confess our need for kindness and compassion. We seek forgiveness for the ways in which we have drawn away from you and our neighbors. We express remorse for our participation in the systems of the world that are actively opposed to your kingdom. Transform us to be carriers and promoters of your good news of new life, liberation and hope in the world. Amen.

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**

Giver of Gifts, we thank you for providing in abundance and allowing us to participate as co-givers with you. We dedicate our offerings in your many names. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

**Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17**

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Baptism Renewal

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith

O God, because you are the source of all life and love and being,
We call you Creator.

Because we know the history of your presence among your
covenanted people and honour their tradition,
We call you Lord.

Because our Savior, Jesus Christ, your obedient child, knew you
intimately and spoke of you so,
We call you Father.

Because you are present in each act of birth; and because you
shelter, nurture and care for us,
We call you Mother.

Because you hold us up and give us strength and courage
when we are weak and in need,
We call you Sustainer.

Because we have known you in our pain and suffering,
We call you Comforter.

Because beyond pain lies your promise of all things made new,
We call you Hope.

Because you are the means of liberation and the way to freedom,
We call you Deliverer.

Because you have chosen to come among us and share our
common lot, making the hard choices, suffering and dying;

because you rose victorious, bringing new life,
We call you Redeemer.

Confident that you will hear, we call upon you with all the names that makes you real to us, the names which create an image in our minds and hearts, an image which our souls can understand and touch. And yet we know that you are more than all of these. Blessing and power, glory and honour be unto you, our God,
Amen.

Do you believe in the One of Many Names, God, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit?

We believe in the God of Many Names.

Do you reject the powers of oppression in this world, the systems that marginalize and degrade human beings and communities created by God, and the norms of the world at odds with the way of the kingdom?

We do, with the help of God.

Do you embrace grace as God's gift, to be freely given and freely received?

We do, with the help of God.

Do you recommit to the covenantal and baptized life, the cost and joy of discipleship, and the community of belonging as a member of the Body of Christ?

We do, with the help of God.

Renewal

Prayer for the Baptized

Voice, Body, Spirit, we give thanks for the gathering of your people into a beloved community of belonging. By our baptism, we accept the invitation to public and faithful witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world and to be instruments to that work. May we live the baptized life in the Spirit as caring companions of one another, with accountability, support, and grace. Shelter us in your love, nourish us in your truth, and uphold us in your word. May it be so. Amen

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU #563

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Dance With the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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.

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 is Sunday, January 22nd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

Official Board Meeting will be held next 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 **this Wednesday, January 11th**. Please email reports to office@cquc.ca. Thank you.

Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit” will meet this Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:30 pm at the home of Margaret Smith. Worship: Suzanne Silliphant; Program: Margaret Smith; Lunch: Lois Lajeunesse and Etta Ellis.

Rosewood Service will be next Thursday, January 19th, at 2 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

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 1st, 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.

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.

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

Community News

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh on this afternoon at 2 pm. Host: Eddy Quinn and Fiddlers' Sons with special guests, Cynthia MacLeod and Billy Matthews. Admission is \$15 at the door.