

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 26, 2023 – 10:30 am

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ Sunday

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

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the singing of the Introit*)

***Introit** Rise Up, Rise Up MV #130

***Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship with gladness and singing!

God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and Shepherd. Bless God's name.

Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise!

God is Sovereign and Holy. Bless God's name.

Know that God reigns! God's kin-dom comes!

God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer and Friend. Bless God's name!

***Hymn** Make a Joyful Noise VU #820

Prayer of Approach

God who cares. We flourish in your compassion. You search for us and find us. You, Holy One, surround us with the power of your abundant love and utmost care. Be present among us as we praise your name, bring our burdens and give thanks for all that you are and all that you do.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 100 VU #824

***Hymn** Who Am I *arranged by Linnea Good*

All God's Children

Music

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*** Presentation of Offering** We Will Take What You Offer MV #196

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts we have and the blessing of sharing. Use our gifts for your glory and to meet the needs and hopes of your kin-dom. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25:31-46

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn When I Needed a Neighbour VU #600

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Benediction**

*Choral Benediction O a Song Must Rise MV #142

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.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, December 10th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



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.

Sunday School has resumed. Anyone who can help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this very important ministry.

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.

Sounds of Christmas – You are invited to enjoy the “Sounds of Christmas” concert at Central Queens United Church on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7 pm. This seasonal performance will feature Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and friends. Come get an early start enjoying the spirit of Christmas in a wonderfully musical, stress-free environment. Admission is \$12 at the door.

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.

Frozen Pie Pick-Up – Tentative date for pickup at the church will be Thursday, December 7th, from 12 noon - 6 pm.

Christmas Carol Concert – You are invited to a Christmas carol concert on Sunday, December 17th, hosted by Central Queens Musical Friends with guests Sarah Weeks, Brad & Ankia Trivers, Wade & Braden Campbell and Ellen Davis. Concert starts at 7 pm. Free-will offering. Come and enjoy the reason for the season.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

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.

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.

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 activity.

Community News

Open House – You are invited to come and join in the Celebration of Frances Tremere's 90th Birthday today, November 26th, from 2--4pm at Park Royal United Gym.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh today, November 26th, at 2 pm. Hosts are Eddy Quinn and the Winsloe United Church House Band with Steven Perry. Special guests are Fiddlers' Sons with Allison Giggey. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

St. John’s Milton Christmas Ceilidh – St. John's Anglican Church in Milton is holding a Christmas Ceilidh this evening, November 26, beginning at 7 pm. Performers include David Rashed, Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor and Wayne Diamond, Joy MacIntyre, Allison Coles, Connie MacDonald, and Phil and Sam Lutwick. Admission is \$10 at the door. Bring along family and friends.

Trinity United Church Kick-Off to Advent on Saturday, December 2nd, at 2 pm at Trinity United Church, 90 Spring Street, Summerside. The Trinity Players and Contemporary Choir will take you on a musical and theatrical journey into the themes of Advent and prepare you for the Birth of Jesus. Free will offering at the door in support of the Food Box Program.

“A Not So Perfect Christmas” – a musical play for World Vision at New Glasgow Christian Church on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd, at 7:30 pm. Free Admission. Donations accepted to help send a stable full of animals to a World Vision village.

Christmas Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies with special guest Garth Proude at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

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Christmas Concert - Award winning Prince Edward Island folk music group, Fiddlers' Sons, will play at Park Royal United Church, on Sunday, December 3rd, from 2 - 4 pm. The band features storyteller, author and three-time Music PEI Male Vocalist of the Year Eddy Quinn, singer songwriter and guitarist John B. Webster, and fiddler Allison Giggey. Christmas food items will also be available for sale. For tickets and more information, please call the Church Office at 902-894-9656. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Trinity United Church Christmas Dinner on December 9th. Dine In Dinner: 5:30 pm. Takeout Pickup: 4:30 pm (Sydney Street). Cost \$20 per person. Proceeds to Food Bank. Tickets available at the church office by calling (902)892-4114.

Blue Christmas – As Christmas decorations go up, tree lights are lit, and people celebrate in festive ways, we acknowledge the reality that for some it is difficult to enter into and to engage this ‘joyous’ time of the year. The death of a loved one, an illness or other significant changes that have been experienced, all profoundly affect the way in which one experiences the Christmas Season. On Wednesday, December 20th, at 6:30 pm, there will be a ‘Longest Night of the Year Service’ (Blue Christmas) at Park Royal United Church. You, your family, and friends are invited to gather with us for a time of worship and remembrance, as we pray for, and experience together, God’s presence, comfort and peace, the true gifts of Christmas. Light refreshments will be served in the foyer following the service. For more information, please call the Church Office at 902-894-9656.

