

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

December 8, 2024 – 10:30 am

Gathering for Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

Baptism



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.

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

*Introit

Tune: MV #79

Will you come, gather in?

Come in hope and come in wonder.

There is life in our longing

There's a voice – in the thunder.

Will you come, gather in?

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Hymn

Hope is a Star

VU #7 vs 2

Reading

On this second Sunday of Advent, we come in peace as a community of faith.

We watch, we wait, we wonder.

Let peace begin with us. In every breath we take, may we live in the peace of God's promise to be with us always.

Lighting the Candle of Peace (continued)

Reading (continued)

We wait for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to come into the world.

As we light the second candle in our wreath, we take a moment to breathe in the spirit of peace.

Prayer

God of Peace, on this second Sunday of Advent, may you fill us with the peace that only you can bring. Help us to live each moment in peace with one another.

Amen.

Hymn A Candle is Burning VU #6 vs 2

*Call to Worship

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

We come, ready to make space in our hearts and lives for God's presence.

Through water and Spirit, God renews and restores, inviting us into new life.

We come as a community of faith, called to walk in God's ways.

Let us worship the One who brings salvation and makes all things new.

We lift our voices in praise and prepare the way for the Lord!

***Hymn** On Jordan's Bank VU #20

Prayer of Approach

God, we thank you for showing up for us, just like you promised. You've brought light into our darkness and guided us toward peace. As we come together today, fill our hearts with hope and peace. Help us to follow your way and share the gifts of love and gratitude to all.

Be with us now and always.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer . .

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn Child of Blessing, Child of Promise VU #444

The Statement

Presentation

Questions And Promises

(Congregation, please rise)

Minister: Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child being baptised as she lives and grows in this Christian community?

Congregational Response: We promise our love, support and care.

Profession Of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

Profession Of Faith (continued)

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen

Prayer Of Thanksgiving And Pouring Of Water

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give our thanks to God.
It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Introduction

The Baptism

Maisie Eliza, I baptize you in the name of the Father (Creator), and the Son (Redeemer), and of the Holy Spirit (Sustainer).
Amen.

Maisie Eliza, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever.
Amen.

Maisie Eliza, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness of God who created you.
Amen.

Blessing

Giving Of The Candle

Presentation Of Certificate, Bible & Prayer Shawl

Welcome

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.
We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

Baptismal Benediction

VU #454

May God who creates you give you light.
May God who sustains you make you wise.
May God who protects you give you joy.
May God who surrounds you give you peace.

Presentation of our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory You Nourish Us VU #545

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of peace, we bring these gifts as signs of our gratitude and hope. Use them to bring healing, comfort, and light to the world. Guide us to be instruments of Your peace, serving others with love and joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

Anthem *Come, Christmas Child*

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Joy to the World VU #59 vs 4

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. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.

Welcome – We welcome into our congregation by Sacrament of Baptism, Maisie Eliza, daughter of Sarah Weeks and Jeffrey Connolly.

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.

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – We are still in need of someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, December 15th, are:
Zephaniah 3:14 *Sing, daughter of Zion, God comes to bring you home*
Isaiah 12:2-6 *Proclaim God’s deeds to the nations* (VU #880)
Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice in God always! Again, I say, rejoice!*
Luke 3:7-18 *John warns the crowds, “You brood of vipers!”*
These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by made on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

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

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. This is the **last date** to order for 2024. The first order date for 2025 is January 5th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Mitten Tree – The Mitten Tree has been set up again this year at the front of the sanctuary. Let’s cover the tree with lots of mittens, scarfs, and hats!! These items will then be distributed to local schools. The tree will be up until Christmas Eve. Help us fill our Mitten Tree to overflowing!!

Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday, December 22nd, at 7 pm. The concert will be presented by Central Queens Musical Friends with featured performers; Ellen Davis, Jodi Whitlock, Braiden Campbell, Wade Campbell, Chris DeRoche, as well as other visiting musical guests. Admission will be a free-will offering. Come and enjoy this special evening filled with musical talent and seasonal favourites. There is no storm date.

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.

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

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

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

Camp Abegweit will need to replace the roof on the main lodge in the very near future. They are asking for any individuals and/or organizations help them reach \$500,00 in their Endowment Trust fund so that they can carry out the needed improvements. Donations can be sent by mail to Durdle's Bookkeeping and Taxes, 39 Garden Drive, PO Box 632, Kensington PE C0B 1M0 or by e-transfer to durdle@bellaliant.com. Income Tax receipts for donations will be issued.

Community News

The Ling's Holiday House Tour – The Lings are kickstarting that Festive Feeling by hosting their very first Holiday House Tour. Final day is today from 4 – 8 pm. Tour the beautifully decorated home

and property located at 1549 New Glasgow Rd, Wheatley River. Take in all the magic of the season, as you enjoy some light refreshments in the backyard cookhouse. Admission by donation with all proceeds supporting Central Queens Christmas families

Hunter River Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks tonight at 6 pm at Dr. Kent. G Ellis Heritage Park. A fun way to start the holiday season off with a bang! Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy some holiday music, hot beverages and cookies. Please park at Central Queens Elementary School and take a holiday lit walk to the event. Free will donations and non-perishable food items for the Hunter River Helping Hand Program will be accepted. Special thanks to event sponsor Hunter River PharmaChoice.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, December 15th, at 2 pm. Dino and the Harmonies present an inspirational Christmas concert. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.