

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
February 18, 2024 – 10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

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 quiet time)*

*Introit Come All You People MV 2, v 2

***Call to Worship**

The voice of God proclaims of Jesus, "You are my beloved, and I love you."

We, too, are God's beloved children, loved and embraced.

With all the voices reminding us that we are not enough or don't belong, it is tempting to forget our place in God's Kin-dom.

With the waters of baptism and the voice of God's promises, we can face the temptations of any wilderness or desert that would draw us away from the Source of our hope.

Embrace your belovedness.

We rejoice in God's unending love for us!

Come then, as the beloved and worship God.

*Hymn Forty Days and Forty Nights VU #114

Prayer of Approach

God of waters and deserts, God of hope and horizons, we celebrate your presence among us and among all your people. You have proclaimed that Jesus was beloved and, tenderly, you have claimed us as your own. Open the skies. Break through the clouds. Fall softly upon our shoulders and say our names with joy. For this day and each day, no matter what the other voices may say, we are your beloved and we rejoice in our inbreaking Kin-dom. Amen and Amen!
With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer....

Responsive Reading – Psalm 25: 1 - 10 VU #752

*Hymn Jesus Came, a Child Like Me vs. 1, 2 & 3

All God's Children

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

O God of love, as Jesus was driven out to be tempted in the wilderness, we too, face wildernesses of our own. We are tempted to forget your promises, to rely upon our own strength, and to listen to the destructive voices of power and oppression. Free us from our own pride. Help us to reclaim our spiritual center as rooted in your love.

Open our being to hearing your voice proclaim us as your child who is welcomed, held, and whole. Amen.

Words of Grace

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Your Work O God Needs Many Hands VU #537

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

Abundant God, receive these gifts of love from your servants and use them for the breaking in of your Kin-dom of love and light. In the name of Jesus, whose way calls us forth in service, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 9: 8 – 17

Mark 1: 9 - 15

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Response at end of prayer -

Help us to embrace life unafraid, knowing that your spirit is president to lead and support us. Amen

Hymn Called By Earth and Sky

MV #135

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Dance with the Spirit

MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

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9 am – 12 pm

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Puzzle/Book Exchange – To complement our puzzle exchange, we now have a library where you can share books. Be sure to check it out! Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own favorites to share!! The puzzle exchange is located in the main lobby and the book exchange is located in the main hall.

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.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is today, February 18th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



Sunday School has resumed. If you would like this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

Election of Elders – Each year, four elders retire and four new elders are elected by you on or before Sunday, March 5th, 2024. Election box and ballots are in the foyer.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh - February 18, 2 p.m. Host – Jacinta MacDonald with The Winsloe United Band. Special guests – Louise and Jonathan Arsenault. Admission - \$15



Greatness

**A man may be wealthy,
Good fortune may be his fate,
But only man’s motives
Can make him truly great.**

Helen Steiner Rice