

# CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent



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## 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.*

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
10:30 am

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 Introit*)

\*Introit

Don't Be Afraid

MV #90

\*Call to Worship

In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross.

**We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.**

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

**to embrace trust in God and love for humanity.**

So let us make our journey, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn** God of Still Waiting MV #20

**Prayer of Approach**

All-present and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you.

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 107 Parts 1 & 2 VU #831

**\*Hymn** Jesus Loves Me VU #365 vs 1 & 2

**All God’s Children**

**Hymn** Jesus Loves Me VU #365 vs 3

**Call to Transformation and New Life**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to you as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and action. Amen.

**Words of Grace**

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering** We Give Our Thanks MV #187

**\*Offertory Prayer**

We offer these gifts as Thanksgiving sacrifices, that the works they enable will tell of God's deeds with songs of joy. Amen.

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Scripture**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

**John 3:14-21**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Responding to the Word**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**\*Hymn** Bless Now, O God, the Journey VU #633

**\*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction** Throughout These Lenten Days and Night  
VU #108 vs 1

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

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## Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (Communion)

Good Friday – March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Sunrise Service – March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 am

Easter Service with Communion – March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am

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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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Broadview** – It's time to renew your subscription to Broadview. Please contact Velda at 902-964-2210 to renew your subscription or for a new subscription. Subscription cost is \$30/year.

**Bookworms United** will meet this Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the church. We will be discussing *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* and *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*. Please feel free to join us even if you haven't read the books. Next month's books will be distributed at the meeting. Refreshments will be served. 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.

**Rosewood Service** on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be assisting Greg with the service.

**Official Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**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).

**FundScrip** – The next order date is March 17<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. The March promotions are Home Hardware 4.5% and Swiss Chalet/Montana's 7%.

**FundScrip**

**Sunday School** has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca). Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

**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.

**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** – The funds from your pull tabs go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in hospital. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church.

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

**Puzzle/Book Exchange** – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

**Camp Abby Annual Meeting** - will be held on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at North Bedeque United Church. The meeting will begin at 6 pm. Each charge is asked to send at least one rep to the meeting to gather information. For more information, please contact Sharon Howatt at [vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca).

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### Community News

**Commonwealth Day Celebration** – The Royal Commonwealth Society of PEI invites the public to attend a free event tomorrow, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Kirk of St James (Pownal St, Charlottetown) in celebration of Commonwealth Day. A colourful display of flags from the 56 member countries will be presented by cadets of the Sea, Army, Air and Navy League. A message from His Majesty King Charles III will be read by the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI. Music will be provided by the PEI Regiment Band and the Singing Strings. There will be a free will offering and light refreshments will be served.

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** next Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Tip-Er-Back and Colleen MacPhee. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**PIE Event at Park Royal United Church** (downstairs gym) this Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Come together to be *Public, Intentional & Explicit* in support of 2SLGBTQIA+ people in faith communities and beyond across Canada. PEERS trans community Outreach Coordinator, Anatasia Preston, will offer a presentation and Q & A on trans issues and rights. Also included will be handouts, actionable items, and follow-up opportunities. This event is lovingly planned and hosted by Trinity Charlottetown, Spring Park, Park Royal and Trinity Summerside United Churches.

**Spinal Cord Injury PEI** is excited to have staff trying to reach Seniors with mobility disability, not just a Spinal Cord Injury. If you know someone with a physical mobility disability and are 55 years or older, please have them reach out to the organization at 902-370-9523 or email Glen at [scipeiceo@gmail.com](mailto:scipeiceo@gmail.com).

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