

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

November 17, 2024 – 10:30 am

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

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 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU #400

*Call to Worship

We gather today by the grace of God, drawn together around living water, a gift that flows from the heart of creation, sustaining and renewing all life.

We come with open hearts, ready to receive the waters of new life, we come to be refreshed - renewed.

As water nourishes the earth, so God nourishes our spirits giving us strength and filling us with new life.

We gather as God's children, thirsty for the Spirit's presence, eager to bathe in God's unconditional love.

***Call to Worship** (Continued)

The waters of baptism remind us of God's everlasting promise—a symbol of new birth, new beginnings and the life we share as the body of Christ.

We enter this sacred space to worship the One who is the source of life, who calls us by name and welcomes us. We are here to worship our God.

***Hymn** All Creatures of Our God and King VU #217

Prayer of Approach

Loving God, you breathe life into dry dust, shaping us with your hands and filling us with your Spirit. Gather us now, lifting us from the dust of our weariness, doubts and fears. Renew us, awaken us, and bring us to the pure light of your love. In your name, we pray.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 16 VU #738

Sacrament of Baptism

HYMN Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters VU #442

THE STATEMENT

Minister:

Hear the command of the risen Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Mtt. 28:18-20)

In baptism, we celebrate God's love, a love revealed in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, a love which has surrounded us from our beginning. In baptism, we proclaim that God has acted to save us. God washes us in cleansing waters and brings us into the church, the living body

THE STATEMENT (Continued)

Minister:

of Christ. When we baptize children, we dedicate them to God, knowing that even though we may fail, God will not; that God will continue, through the Holy Spirit, the work begun this day, a work in which life triumphs over death.

Presentation

On behalf of the Central Queens Faith Community, I present the following child for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Boone, son of Brittany and Mathew

QUESTIONS AND PROMISES

Minister: Do you desire to have Boone baptized into the Christian Faith?

Parents' Response: I do.

Minister: Will you encourage Boone to learn from the wisdom of the prophets; doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with his God?

Parents' Response: I do.

Minister: Will you foster for him an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for diverse religious traditions?

Parents' Response: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Will you teach him to honour the faith questions that belong to him throughout his life?

Parents' Response: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Will you journey with Boone to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day?

Parents' Response: I will, God being my helper.

(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 he 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.
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.

(Water is poured into the font)

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and, within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise, your Spirit hovered at creation; by water comes the growth of the earth. Through water you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan, your Child, Jesus, was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

Boone, you are wonderful, you are marvelous, you are one of a kind, a child of God, and God loves you lots! It's because of God's love that we baptize you this day.

THE BAPTISM

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

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

Boone, 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

May the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all, be with you today and always. Amen.

GIVING OF THE CANDLE

Receive this candle. It symbolizes that in baptism we have passed from darkness to light. Shine as a light to this world, to the glory of God.

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** What Can I Do? MV #191

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our love and gratitude. Bless them, and use them to bring light, hope, and compassion to the world. May they serve your purpose and spread your grace. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

1 Samuel 1:4-20

Mark 13:1-8

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***Hymn** Now Thank We All Our God VU #236

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace *Don Besig/Nancy Price*

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.

Sympathies are extended to Harvey & Susan Silliphant on the death of Harvey’s brother, Wendell Silliphant.

Sympathies are also extended to Donald & Caroly Hughes on the death of Donald’s brother, Arthur Hughes

Welcome – We welcome into our congregation by Sacrament of Baptism, Boone, son of Brittany Somers & Mathew Stead.

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, November 24th, are:

2 Samuel 23:1-7 *David’s last words glorify God*

Psalms 132:1-12 (13-18) Parts 1 & 2 *God will bless with abundance* (VU #854-855)

Revelation 1:4b-8 *I am the Alpha and the Omega*

John 18:33-37 *Pilate asks Jesus, “Are you king of the*

Jews?”

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, November 24th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The Fundscrip promotions for November are Petro-Can 3%, Winners/Homesense 8%, Boston Pizza 8%, Hello Fresh/Chefs Plate 10%.

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 this Thursday, November 21st, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be assisting Greg with the service.

Official Board Meeting this Thursday, November 21st, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

UCW Christmas Potluck - The UCW is hosting a Christmas Pot Luck get together on Tuesday, December 3rd. Dinner will be at 6pm with punch being served before with fun and fellowship following. The invitation is extended to all the women of the church. If you would like to join us, please call Dorothy at 902-672-2448 no later than Wednesday, November 27th.

Central Queens United Church Annual Frozen Pie Sale –

Central Queens United Church is once again holding our annual Frozen Pie Sale. 8-inch pies in a variety of flavours including: cherry, apple, strawberry/rhubarb, pumpkin, no sugar added apple, caramel/apple, blueberry, classic berry and pecan. \$7.50/ pie except \$8.50 for pecan. These make great treats for desserts, gifts or hosting. Orders accepted until November 24th. Pick-up at the church around December 12th from noon - 6 pm depending on pie delivery to our church from our source. Purchasers will be notified. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

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.

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.

Sounds of Christmas featuring Kirk Neville, Bonnie LaFrance and CQ Musical Friends on December 1st at 3 pm here at Central Queens United Church. Mark your calendar!

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.

Camp Abegweit is looking for names and contact information for those interested in participating in a Fundraising Golf Tournament in 2025. They are still very early in the planning stages, and to ensure a successful tournament, they are looking to gauge interest before officially announcing it. Their once-annual tournament has not run consecutively since before COVID-19, which has had a great impact on the Camp and its operating funds.

How to sign up: Choose from any of the following options.

1. Online: Complete a short online form at <https://www.campabegweit.ca/interest.form>. They only require a name and email.
2. Call: 902-626-8037 to leave your name and contact details.
3. Email: send an email: golf@campabegweit.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guest Chad Matthews. Barb Perry performs a comedy skit as “Sarah”. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

The “Inn” Crowd – A musical play for World Vision at New Glasgow Christian Church on November 30th and December 1st at 7:30 pm. Free Admission. Donations received to send a stable full of animals to a World Vision Village.

Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, November 23rd, from 8-10 am. Enjoy a relaxing and hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon and spend time with family and friends. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Road. For information, please call 902-218-6984.

Open House - Gordon and Penny Frizzell would like to invite everyone to an Open House to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 23rd, from 2-4pm at Central Trinity United Church in Breadalbane. **Best Wishes Only**

St. John’s Anglican Church Christmas Ceilidh on Sunday, November 24th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$10. Performers include Janet McGarry and Serge Bernard, Geila Glydon and Judy Lowe, “Crow Black Chicken” Ken Williams and George Piercey.

Spring Park United Holiday Market – Spring Park United will host a holiday market on Saturday, November 30th, from 9 am-12 noon. The market will feature baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, games, puzzles, jewelry, scarves, crafts, Christmas decor, festive greenery and new-to-you gifts for everyone on your list. Admission by donation.