# Central Queens Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada November 3, 2024 – 10:30 am

## **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **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 Introit)

\*Introit Come All You People MV #2

### \*Call to Worship

Today we gather in unity and joy.

We come together to seek hope and connection.

Let us open our hearts and minds to the presence of the Divine among us.

We embrace this moment to reflect, to praise, and to be inspired.

As we worship, may we be filled with love and peace. Together, we celebrate the beauty of life, and the strength of community centered in God's embrace!

\*Hymn

Wherever You May Go

MV #216

## **Prayer of Approach**

Loving God, what joy it is to be known by you - to know you. To know that when we call, you answer. When we seek you, we find you. When we long for you, we discover that you are already with us. Anchor our lives in your presence. Encourage us beyond our fear. Remind us of your goodness and miraculous works. Reaffirm the power you have made available and at work within us. Fortify us as your people who give and receive your love. In your name, we pray.

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 146

VU #868

\*Hymn My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV #138 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

**Hymn** My Love Colours Outside the Lines

MV #138 vs 3

MV #191

**Presentation of Our Gifts** 

**Invitation to Generosity** 

\*Presentation of Offering

\*Offertory What Can I Do?

\*Offertory Prayer

Great God, receive these gifts of love with blessing for those who give and those who receive. Magnify our work of care, enlarge our circles of care, and amplify our love in the world. Amen.

## **Listening for the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** 

Sacred Scripture Ruth 1:1-18 Mark 12:28-34

**Anthem** 

Sermon

**Reflective Music** 

## Responding to the Word

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** 

.... God of guidance, **Seak into our lives today.** 

**\*Hymn** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection VU #586

\*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction You Shall Go Out with Joy VU #884

### **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.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:minister@cquc.ca">minister@cquc.ca</a> for an appointment.

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

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email <u>jhowes1969@gmail.com</u> or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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 <a href="mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com">veldabertram@gmail.com</a>.

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

**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.

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, please contact Trudy at <a href="mailto:office@cquc.ca">office@cquc.ca</a> or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline**—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to <a href="mailto:office@cquc.ca">office@cquc.ca</a>.

**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!!

**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. Thank you.

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## **Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Louise and Jonathan Arsenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Wheatley River Country Craft Fair** today, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 am – 2 pm at the Wheatley River Community Hall, 16 Rackham Ln. Admission: \$2. Two Floors of Island Artists. 50/50 tickets available.

**Book Launch** – Join Rev. Dr. Karen MacLeod-Wilkie this afternoon, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2 – 4 pm at her home (1561 Route 225, North Wiltshire) as she launches her sixth book "Isle of the Dawning Sun". Other works of inspirational fiction and fantasy fiction will also be available for purchase and signing (cash or e-transfer). Cake and coffee will be offered. Bring a friend and share the news.

**90**<sup>th</sup> **Birthday Celebration** – Join Gloria Fullerton, an active UCC person on PEI, and her family on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at West River United Church Hall (Cornwall) from 2 – 5 pm to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. All are welcome. <u>No gifts please</u>. You are welcome to bring a donation for the Food Bank in lieu of a gift.

**Bluefield High School Craft Fair** on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm – 9 pm, and Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am – 5 pm. Over 100 vendors will be present.

As part of their fundraising efforts, Bluefield Band will also be selling vouchers for poinsettias at the Craft Fair. Vouchers will cost \$25 (cash) and buyers will then go to VK Greenhouses (formerly known as VanKampens, 58 Allen St, Charlottetown) to choose and pick up their poinsettias. In addition, there will be an opportunity to purchase poinsettias online to support the band (details to be confirmed).

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

**Mission & Service** - Supporting young adults through some of the most transformative years of their lives

We would like to share a wonderful thank-you letter we received from the Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) at the University of Guelph, a Mission and Service partner located in Guelph, ON. We're sharing it with you with deep gratitude for your generosity.

"Thanks to support from United Church Mission and Service, the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph has been able to support the U of G community and accompany young adults during some of the most transformative years of their lives.

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry has been a partnership of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Church at U of G since 1968. The chaplaincy is fully supported by alumni, parents, and grants from partner churches—the university does not fund faith programming.

Over the 2023/24 academic year, ECM was able to serve 25 free meals to university students, provide weekly worship services right on campus, conduct field trips to 10 local churches, hold 3 public presentations on issues of faith and inclusivity, mentor 5 student leaders, host 2 different weekend retreats, and coordinate the Queer Christian Community for 2SLGBTQIA+ students at U of G. This just scratches the surface!

This kind of ministry presence is made possible because of ECM's vision of having a full-time chaplain, something that would be unthinkable without support from United Church Mission and Service.

So from all the students at U of G, thank you for your gifts to United Church Mission and Service! Your support is making a difference in the lives of young adults at the University of Guelph."