

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

April 6, 2025 – 10:30 am

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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.

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** Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79 (Refrain x2)

Bible Presentation (*Brought forward during the Introit*)

The Candle of Health

***Hymn** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

With our ancestors we recall God's great works.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

With our ancestors we pray.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

With our ancestors we rejoice.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Let us worship God, in this community and in the company of our ancestors.

***Hymn** When Morning Gilds the Skies VU #339

Prayer of Approach

Holy One, whether our hearts are eager to draw near to you, or we stand cautious and uncertain, whether we walk confidently in your guidance, or stumble in doubt, you are ever present.

Open our senses to your nearness and soften our hearts to receive the fullness of your love.

May we experience you, not as distant, but as near, transforming us with your constant presence, even in our uncertainty.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 126 VU #850

***Hymn** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU #574 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU #574 vs 3 & 4

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy Jesus, you call us to follow you, yet our hearts are restless, our attention flickers.

One day we walk with you in quiet confidence, and the next, we are pulled away by the noise of the world or the weight of our own desires.

Forgive our wavering devotion, and, in your mercy, enable us to be steadfast in our commitment to you.

May each new day find us more attuned to your call, more faithful in our response, growing ever more like you in our love and loyalty. Amen.

Words of Grace

***Sung Response** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU #544

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy One, bless these gifts and our lives, that we may not hold them in selfish grasp, but offer them freely for your kin-dom.

Strengthen our hearts to serve with humility, to see your presence in the needs of the world, and to follow you with unwavering faith, even in the face of challenge.

May our offerings be a living sacrifice, given in obedience and love. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture
Isaiah 43:16-21
John 12:1-8

Anthem *Remember*

Sermon *"The Courage to See: Discernment and Love in Mary's Anointing"*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Silence

May they find courage in your presence.

Silence

May they know your comfort and compassion.

Silence

May they be strengthened by your Spirit.

***Hymn** Precious Lord, Take My Hand VU #670

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** May the God of Hope Go with Us VU #424

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**
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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Inez & Harry Smith. Lovingly remembered by Helen, Wilfred, Velda, Margaret, Lois and families.

Today's Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Archie Vickerson. Lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver and family.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – April 17th at 7 pm (Seder Meal & Communion)

Good Friday – April 18th at 10:30 am

Sunrise Service – April 20th at 6 am – Breakfast to follow at **7 am** at the church. **Please note change of time.**

Easter Service with Communion – April 20th at 10:30 am

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.

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.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, April 13th, are:

Isaiah 50:4-9a *They struck my back and plucked my beard.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (*VU #837 Parts 1, 3 & 4*) *The stone that the builders rejected.*

Luke 19:28-40 *Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds.*

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, April 13th. You can reach Janet by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

Bowling – Come for a fun afternoon of bowling on Saturday, April 12th, from 2 – 4 pm at North Rustico Lions Club Bowling Alley, 17 Timber Ln. Please RSVP by calling Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 or the church office at 902-964-2221. This event is being hosted in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church.

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.

Puzzles - Please check under your pillows, cushions, and tables for any pieces that may have gone wandering. If you find any, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'. Many thanks.

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – We are still 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.

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.

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 office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

Camp Abegweit Annual Meeting postponed until Monday, April 14th, starting at 6:30 pm at Trinity United Church in Summerside.

Camp Abegweit is holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Spring Park United Church in Charlottetown on April 12th, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10.00. To reserve tickets, please contact Alex Corbett - 902-626-8037 or alexcorbett@campabby.ca.

Eastertide Gathering of The United Church of Canada PEI Cluster Group on Tuesday, April 29th, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Central Queens United Church. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 22nd. To register, email Nancie at nsgreenacres@gmail.com and let her know your name, phone number, email, and what community of faith you represent.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, April 13th, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Kurk Bernard and Katie Campbell. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Island Pregnancy Centre Easter Basket Fundraiser – An Easter basket filled with divine chocolate, a variety of amazingly delicious coffee, gift cards to cool coffee shops, sweet coffee mugs and a brand-new Espresso/Cappuccino machine!! Tickets are only \$10 each with 100% of the proceeds going to their supports and services. Tickets can be purchased in-person at either of their Centres with cash or cheque OR e-transfer to charlottetown@islandpregnancycentre.com (please note your name and phone number in the memo section of the payment so that your ticket will be filled out properly).

The Winsloe Players present “A Cottage Affair” at the Carrefour Theatre on April 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th, at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$20/adult; \$10/child(12 and under) and are available at Proude’s Shoes (902–894–3504), Winsloe Irving (902–569–0166), Clow’s Red & White (902-621-0500), QEH Foundation (902-894-2425) or from any cast member. Follow this link for more information: <https://qehfoundation.pe.ca/events/the-winsloe-players-present-a-cottage-affair/>. All proceeds support the QEH Foundation’s Big Day of Giving.

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