

# CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

February 16, 2025 – 10:30 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



## 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

Born in Human Likeness

MV #47 x3

\*Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 1*)

Blessed are those who find joy in living with integrity.

Reflecting on what truly matters, day and night.

**Our Creator watches over the path of those who live with purpose, but the way of the harmful will fade away.**

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Rooting yourself like a tree to bear good fruit when the time is right.

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Thriving

## Call to Worship (Continued)

in everything they do, guided by values that last.

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Come than to worship, let us be rooted in values that last.

\*Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315

## Prayer of Approach

**God, you create us for community and walk with us. Help us seek your presence today and always. May we recognize you in our breath and in those around us. Strengthen our faith and guide our actions with trust in you and your path of fulfillment, compassion and connection. Let our worship in song and prayer lead to worship in our lives. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 1 VU #724

\*Hymn Your Love is Amazing MV #26

## All God's Children

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## Presentation of Our Gifts

## Invitation to Generosity

## \*Presentation of Offering

\*Offertory In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 vs 4

## \*Offertory Prayer

**Generous God, you have planted generosity in our hearts. Receive our gifts as part of your work to heal the world from pain, injustice and despair. May our resources grow, so all needs are met and your name is praised. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

## Prayer for Understanding

## Sacred Scripture

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**Luke 6:17-26**

Anthem *All Who Hunger*

## Sermon

## Reflective Music

## Responding to the Word

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . . Faithful God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

\*Hymn Jesus Calls Us VU #562

## \*Changing of the Light

## \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 1

## Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

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**Ministers** All of us

**Clergy** **Rev Greg Davis**

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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. 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.

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**Today’s Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Denis Lajeunesse. Always in our hearts, Lois and Family.

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**Sympathies** are extended to Weston & Carol Axworthy, Mary Doucette and their families on the death of Weston’s and Mary’s brother, Harold Axworthy.

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### **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.

**Sleigh Ride** – Come enjoy the snow and winter with a sleigh ride at Great Northern Adventures in Mount Herbert today, February 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2 pm. Cost is \$10/person, children under 4 are free. Warm up with some hot chocolate and sweets afterwards. All are welcome.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> are:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 *Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers.*

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (VU #763) *Do not fret; trust in God.*

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 *Understanding resurrection.*

Luke 6:27-38 *Love your enemies, be merciful.*

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

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. 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 February promotion is Sobeys/Lawtons/Foodland for 5%. The next order date is Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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** will be held on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be assisting Greg with the service.

**Broadview Magazine** – It’s time to renew your subscription to Broadview. To renew your subscription or for new subscriptions, please contact Velda at 902-940-7674. Cost is \$30/year. All subscriptions are due by Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Election of Elders** – Each year four (4) elders retire, and four (4) new elders are elected. Ballots are now available on the table in the foyer. Be sure to pick up your ballot. After you have made your selections, please deposit in the silver box in the foyer. Ballot deadline is Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bookworms United** – Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10 am at the church. We will be discussing *The Glass Hotel*. Feel free to join us and pick up next month’s book. All are welcome.

**Annual Reports** – A few copies of the Annual Report are still available at the back on the sanctuary.

**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).

**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.

**Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by made on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**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.

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

**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](mailto:office@cquc.ca) 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.

**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.

Over . . . .

**Camp Abby Update** – As mother nature keeps us in a freezer, we are busy planning and preparing for those nice warm summer days.

Our registration is open, and we are very pleased with the numbers to date.

We are unable to provide financial assistance from our funds for campers but are hoping that churches would be willing to support families in your areas. We will send more information to you in the near future.

Staffing has started and we are very excited with some of our new candidates and returning applicants. Finding the right balance of new and old is something we work very hard at. If you know of anyone looking for a job, please tell them to check out our website.

Our annual meeting will be held on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm. I am working on a location and will know more shortly.

Our annual wish list is going to look a little different this year. We are always in need of the usual things like cereal, juice and freezies but are hoping to try something new to help us manage our ever-growing food bill. We are going to see if churches would be willing to sponsor a lunch. The exact details are still being worked out, but we are excited to work closer with our churches to create a new ministry for our camp. *Sharon Howatt, Chair of the Board*

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### **Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Kim Albert and Mike Arsenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Paint Party** – The Greenvale Women’s Institute is having Paint Party on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10 am – 12 noon at the Hunter River Community Centre. Funds will be going towards their ramp project. All supplies included for your project along with some tasty treats. Cost: \$35. Contact Denise at 902-393-5561 to register.