

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

February 2, 2025 – 10:30 am

Fourth 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.

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 71*)**

O God our protector, we take refuge and find strength. Our
praise is continually of you.

Deliver us in your righteousness, hear our cries for justice and peace. Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable and a strong fortress to save creation.

We receive courage from you, O God, and our praise continues.

***Call to Worship (Continued)**

**Rescue us from the wicked, and be our hope and trust,
for you are our rock and fortress.**

Let us come into God's loving presence realizing the Rock upon which we stand. May all be wrapped in care and love, as we worship together.

***Hymn** Will You Come and See the Light VU #96

Prayer of Approach

As we gather, we open our hearts and minds to something beyond ourselves. May we draw inspiration from the opportunities and challenges we share as human beings and find the strength to contribute to a brighter future for everyone. Let this time together spark meaningful conversations, fresh ideas, and a profound sense of connection and community.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 71:1-6 Part One VU #789

***Hymn** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 3 & 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Giver of all good things, may our gifts reflect your generosity. Use our time, talents, and resources to serve our community and the world. Let each offering grow and fill the world with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:21:30

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . . God of Love,
Hear our prayer.

***Hymn** Seek Ye First the Kingdom VU #356

***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

Ministers All of us
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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 minister@cquc.ca for an appointment.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, February 9th, are:

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) *I saw God seated upon the throne.*

Psalms 138 (VU #860) *Do not forsake the work of your hands, O God.*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *An account of Jesus’ resurrection.*

Luke 5:1-11 *Jesus calls Simon and James and John.*

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 or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, February 16th.

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 veldabertram@gmail.com.

Annual Reports – Copies of the Annual Report are still available at the back on the sanctuary.

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 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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

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.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on this afternoon, February 2nd, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guest Kelly Mooney and special comedy act "Sarah" by Barb Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Dinner and Speaker: Tuesday, February 4th, at 5:30 pm. Fazal Malik will be speaking about “scam-proofing yourself on the Internet.” Pay what you can for the meal. Please call the office by noon on tomorrow, February 3rd if you plan to attend. Feel free to bring a friend(s). The program will run for approximately 45 minutes, starting with a brief welcome and introduction. This will be followed by a general overview of online safety, setting the stage for a more detailed presentation. A slideshow will accompany the talk, highlighting key concepts, such as phishing, scamming, and spoofing, along with practical examples of fraudulent activities. Participants will learn to recognize the warning signs of scams and how to protect themselves. The session will conclude with real-life examples, demonstrations of scam tactics, and an interactive Q&A.

Community Luncheon - There will be a free Community Luncheon of Potato and Corn Chowder held at the Hunter River Community Centre on Thursday, February 20th, at 12 pm. Space is limited and priority booking will be given to residents of Hunter River; others if space is available. A limited number of take-outs will also be available. Pre-registration is required by Monday, February 10th, and can be done by emailing admin.hunter.river@gmail.com or calling 902-621-2170.

STEPPING-STONES

God makes stepping-stones
of all our days to guide us
on life's pathway . . .

When we would stand where we are,
in the safety of this hour,
He bids us move, step out, and follow Him
to a new day . . .

Unknown, but not uncharted,
tomorrow waits for our arrival –
a day designed,
a place prepared with tender care
by the One who goes before us
to clear the road and light the way,
as with faith we walk behind Him
in the footprints of His love.

By: B.J. Hoff

The Lord delights in the way of the man whose steps he has made firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand. *Psalms 37:23*

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