

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

February 23, 2025 – 10:30 am

Seventh 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** *(Based on Psalm 37)*

Come, beloved, and set aside your fear.

We come, trusting in God's steadfast promises.

Let meekness be our strength.

May love shine brightly in us.

Strengthen us in our waiting and our working.

May evil fade and goodness flourish.

May God's grace rest upon us as we gather.

***Hymn** Come, Let Us Sing VU #222

Prayer of Approach

Holy Love, bear in us a new beginning. Soften our hearts, still our minds, and draw us gently into your embrace. Hold the worries, the weariness, and the wanderings of our lives in your care. Gift us with the renewing energy of your Spirit. Meet us in our fatigue and fears. Form in us a deeper commitment to your vision of the beloved community. Mold us with Christ's love, that we may be agents of your blessing, bringing light and hope to the world. Let the cup of our lives overflow with the fullness of your desire. In your Holy name, we pray.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 VU #763

***Hymn** This Is the Day MV #122

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, thank you for pouring your holy love into our lives. Bless these gifts we bring, that they may grow into more than we can imagine. Bless us, that we might live in gratitude, sharing freely, expecting nothing in return. Through the way of Jesus, stretch our hearts, minds, and lives to be channels of your grace. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Luke 6:27-38

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . . God of the whole human family,
Hear our prayers for your world.

***Hymn** Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing VU #223

*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

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

Office Hours

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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.

Sympathies are extended to Roland and Cindy Easter on the death of Cindy's mother, Louise Mills.

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, March 2nd, are:

Exodus 34:29-35 *Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain.*

Psalms 99 (VU #819) *God rules and delights in justice.*

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 *We are bold in our hope.*

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43) *Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain.*

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, March 2nd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The February promotion is Sobeys/Lawtons/Foodland for 5%.

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.

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 this Saturday, March 1st.

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 also in the foyer. Ballot deadline is next Sunday, March 2nd.

Save the Date – On Saturday, March 8th, at 6 pm, we are planning a movie night here at the church. This event is in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the United Church. Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming weeks. Each month we are planning a fun event as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church.

World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7th, at 1:30 pm at Glasgow Road Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be 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.

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

Camp Abby Update – 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.

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Camp Abby Update (continued)

Our annual meeting will be held on Monday, March 31st, 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*

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, March 2nd, at 2 m. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Louise and Jonathan Arsenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

JESUS, TENDER SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL . . .

This place to which you have brought me, Lord,
was not of my own choosing.
You called me out from the rushing traffic,
away from the crowd and clamor,
away from the noise of getting things done,
accomplishing goals and achieving,
away from reaching and striving,
into the quiet and peace of just . . . *being*.
You led me along a cool, grassy path
to a tranquil stream of clear water,
to rest and pray and listen and wait
as you work your will in the silence.

How was I to know, dear Lord,

that in the simple act

of being still and trusting you

I was finally fulfilling your will?

By: B.J. Hoff

He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

Psalm 23:2,3