

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
January 12, 2025 – 10:30 am**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**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**      Born in Human Likeness                      MV #47 x 3

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, dear friends, and remember who you are and who you belong to.

**In Christ, God has called us all "Beloved."**

Yes, right here and now, God's love is pouring out fresh and new.

**May this movement of the Spirit shape our hearts and minds.**

May it kindle the light of Epiphany in us and throughout creation.

**And may it guide our words and actions to share good news with the world!**

**\*Hymn**      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty                      VU #220

**Prayer of Approach**

**Holy One, awaken us to Your boundless Spirit of Love. Stretch our hearts wide, shaping us as vessels of Your healing grace. Help us see Your face in one another, each life touched by Your blessing. Refine our intentions. Cleanse our deeds. Let our words be drenched in kindness, our hearts alight with hope. Saturate our thoughts, our prayers, our dreams, our very being in You.**

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 29                                      VU #756

**\*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

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Invitation**

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

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

O Gracious God, we thank you for the invitation to grow through giving, made possible by your outpouring spirit. May these gifts we bring be used to form ever-new blessings in this congregation and around the world. And may our lives be the instruments of love and joy you desire. Amen.

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Scripture**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Sacred Readings**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

. . . . make time spent this year your time, O God.

**Bless our time with you.**

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn**            When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized    VU #100

**\*Blessing**

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

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

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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.

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**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Ivan & Helena Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

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**Sympathies** are extended to Donald & Carolyn Hughes on the death of Donald's sister, Joan Howe.

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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.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, are:

Isaiah 62:1-5 *No longer called Desolate but now named Delight.*

Psalms 36:5-10 (VU #762) *God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.*

I Corinthians 12:1-11 *Different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.*

John 2:1-11 *The wedding in Cana.*

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

**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.

**Rosewood Service** this Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg with the service.

**Official Board Meeting** this Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome to attend.

**Bookworms United:** Our next meeting is this Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am at the church. We will be reviewing *The Dutch House* and *Beartown*. All are welcome to join us and start the New Year off with a good book.

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**Annual Meeting** – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There will be sandwiches and sweets after the worship service; then the meeting will follow that.

**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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca) or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

**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).

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests The Langille Boys and Roberta Smith. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

