

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 19, 2025 – 10:30 am

Second 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.

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**

Your love, O Lord, reaches beyond the skies, and your faithfulness stretches to the clouds.

You are the source of life. Fill us with your life!

Your goodness stands as strong as the mountains; your justice runs deeper than the oceans.

You are the source of life. Fill us with your life!

Keep sharing your love with those who trust you and your salvation with those who walk in truth.

You are the source of life. Fill us with your life!

Let us worship the Source of Life, may we be filled with life!

***Hymn**

A Light Is Gleaming

VU #82

Prayer of Approach

God of Wonder, we gather to draw close to you. Your presence strengthens and challenges us, filling us with both comfort and awe. In you, we find resilience and surprising grace. May our songs, prayers, spoken word and shared lives bring honour to your name. We glorify you and invite your Spirit to renew us with fresh energy, purpose and compassion.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 36:5-10

VU #762

***Hymn**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU #509 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU #509 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy One, may our gifts honour you and serve the good of all. Thank you for your generosity and for letting us share in your work here on earth. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

John 2:1-11

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

. . . . God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***Hymn** I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161

***Changing the Light**

***Benediction**

May the presence of God fill your hearts and guide your steps.

May you drink deeply from the wells of justice, peace, and righteousness.

May the fruit of the Spirit nourish you as you walk the path of Jesus.

May your lives proclaim the name of God through all you say and do.

We go in peace and power to love and serve God and neighbour. Amen.

***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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Kathryn Bowman and John Bentham. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

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, January 26th, are:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *Ezra reads the Torah at the Water Gate.*

Psalms 19 (VU #740-741) *The heavens declare the glory of God.*

I Corinthians 12:12-31a *Now you are the body of Christ and each one a part of it.*

Luke 4:14-21 *Jesus reads from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."*

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

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

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 2nd.

Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 26th, 2025. There will be sandwiches and sweets after the worship service; then the meeting will follow that.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, January 19th, 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.

Hunter River Helping Hand Program – In December of 2024, after careful consideration, the decision was made to change how those experiencing food insecurity in the Hunter River area receive help. In order to ensure that food is distributed in a more equitable and consistent manner, the Hunter River Community Fridge has become the Hunter River Helping Hand Program. This program is

a monthly food pick up on the second Monday of each month for residents of Hunter River, Greenvale, Brookfield, Rennies Road, New Glasgow, Wheatley River, Hazel Grove, Fredericton and Darlington that register with the program. Applying for help can feel difficult, but please know your application will be handled with compassion and confidentiality.

Registration for the program can be done Monday-Thursday between 9am and 2pm at the municipal office located in the Hunter River Community Centre at 19816 Route 2. Proof of residence in the service area for each member of the household will be required at the time of registration. Registered users will need to inform the office by the last Monday of each month if they will be requiring assistance the following month.

Food and monetary donations can be dropped off at the Hunter River Community Centre during regular office hours, Monday-Thursday between 9am and 2pm or during library hours, Tuesday between 4pm and 8pm, Wednesdays 2pm-5pm or Friday and Saturday between 9am and 2pm. The municipal office can be contacted for further details or to answer questions you may have. In order to be eligible for a food pick up in February, registration must be completed by Monday, January 27th, 2025.

Compassionate Savior . . . *By: B.J. Hoff*

We cannot hope to comprehend
your heart of love,
your well of mercy,
your continual awareness of our need.
We cannot begin to understand
how you hear the voices of millions –
each cry unique,
a single sound
recognized and identified by name.
But we believe and cling to the assurance
that we are your own,
that we are known
and loved and cherished
heart by heart,
soul by soul,
one by one.