

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

March 2, 2025 – 10:30 am

Transfiguration Sunday



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**

The call of the God has gathered us here today, like a mighty wind blowing through the trees.

We've been called to lift our voices, to pray and to praise.

We are called to come together, to wonder in the presence of the Divine, with hearts wide open.

Let the light of Love burn in us, bright as a lantern on a dark night.

May it warm our souls and change us, like the sunrise turning night into day.

Call to Worship (Continued)

And may that light shine out from us, a beacon for all who wander in the dark.

In worship, may we understand the call to be a beacon for all.

***Hymn** I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48

Prayer of Approach

God of the mountaintops, the valleys, and every place in between, we give thanks for meeting us where we are. We give thanks for leading us to this sacred space, where prayer and renewal flow like living water.

Enlighten our minds, ignite our hearts, and prepare us to receive Your living Word of Love. Let it shine in us, and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy for all to follow. May the same transfiguring power that was revealed in Jesus Christ also burn brightly within us, for the healing and good of the world.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 99 VU #819

***Hymn** Draw the Circle Wide MV #145 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Draw the Circle Wide MV #145 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU #544

***Offertory Prayer**

O Spirit of Life, shine upon us, again and again, that we may become the blessing you dream. Awaken us ever more deeply to your holy mystery, your sacred call. Bless these humble gifts we offer, that they may carry your love to others, and ignite the light of new beginnings. By this, and through all that we cannot name, transfigure us and the world anew. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture
Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-43

Anthem *Transfigured*

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

***Hymn** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU #104

***Changing the Light**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** 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
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Office Phone	902-964-2291
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Church Office

Office Hours	Wednesday & Thursday 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.

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.

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.

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *“My father was a wandering Aramean.”*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (VU #807-809) *I will raise you up on eagle’s wings.*

Romans 10:8b-13 *Declare with your mouth; believe with your heart.*

Luke 4:1-13 *Jesus tested in the desert.*

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

FundScrip – Janet is 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, March 16th. The FundScrip March promotions are Swiss Chalet/ Montana's - 7% and Walmart - 3.5%.

Election of Elders – Today is the last day to vote for your selection of four (4) new elders. If you haven’t already done so, please pick up a ballot and place in the silver box on the table in the main foyer. Thank you to everyone who have already voted.

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

Movie Night this Saturday, March 8th, at 6 pm here at the church. Playing will be “The Spy Next Door”. Come and enjoy a wonderful family event (and popcorn) together. This is one of many events we are holding as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th, at 7:15 pm. We will be discussing the Regional Council survey at this meeting. If you would like to review the survey before the meeting, please e-mail the office at office@cquc.ca to obtain a copy (PDF). A limited number of printed copies is available at the back of the church. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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 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.

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!! Over

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Rural Routes Through the Holy 2025 Event - Registration is open for this year's Rural Routes Through the Holy gathering. This year the gathering will be in Sackville NB. The theme is Life, Land, and Leadership: Loving with Your Feet. Rob Fennell and Shawna Lucas will blend their experiences in leading Camino Nova Scotia with the theme of rural life. Read more about it all and register at <https://ruralroutesthroughtheholycanada.ca>.

Community News

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION - THE LIGHT WE'VE BEGUN TO KNOW

(Mark 9: 2-10; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6)

We think we know light's movements – the way sun's rays can play across the surface of the water, the way it falls from candle flame, or softly sifts through leaves to lift the petals on their stems, opening up each blossom like a blessing.

We think we know light's gradients – the way it can take the shade of rain or break into the colours of the rainbow; the way it burns a hole in blue from the blazing summer sun; or reddens clouds before it gives night's gift of stars and moon.

We think we know light's stories – like the glow that shone from Moses' skin as he brought the law in stone down from the mountain; or the brilliance of the fire of the chariot and riders that swept to heaven the prophet named Elijah.

But today the light we thought we knew has taken on new radiance, has made an unexpected move, is telling a new story; it dazzles the eyes but more our hearts, for this is the light *embodied*: this is the light of the knowledge of God that shines in the face of Jesus.

Nor is this the final story that the light in Christ will tell: the veil that is lifted so briefly upon his unseen glory drops again; the tale to remain untold until his rising from the dead – when the light we've begun to know makes its home in the church, to reveal his glory in us, and transfigured will be me and you. *Author Unknown*