

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

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

The Candle of Hope

Hymn Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108 v. 1

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

*Introit Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79

*Call to Worship

Are you restless and unsettled? You have come to the right place.

Let us worship God!

Are you hungry for love and hope? You have come to the right place.

Let us worship God!

Are you searching for direction? You have come to the right place.

Let us worship God!

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

March 9, 2025 – 10:30 am

Lent I



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.

Call to Worship (Continued)

Do you have love to share? You have come to the right place.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU #684

Prayer of Approach

Whether we come with hearts light or heavy, whether our path is clear or hidden in mist, God is already here, waiting to meet us.

In the hush of this place, in the warmth of gathered community, in the longing of our hearts, the Holy stirs within and among us.

Let us open ourselves to the Presence that has always been and always will be – a love that surrounds us, a light to guide us, a mystery that holds us.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 VU #807

***Hymn** Fairest Lord Jesus VU #341 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus VU #341 vs 3 & 4

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

O Gracious One, you hold us in the hollow of your hand, yet when shadows gather and storms rise, we forget your nearness.

In our fear, we cling to comforts that do not last, knowing they will never truly satisfy. We grasp for control, forgetting that life is a gift, not ours to command.

Forgive us when we turn to distraction instead of to you. Calm our restless hearts, draw us back to your steady

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Continued)
presence, and set our feet once more on the path of trust, guided by your word and your beloved child, Jesus. Amen.

Words of Grace

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

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

***Offertory Prayer**

O Giver of every good gift, from your hand flows the richness of earth and the blessing of life itself. Take these offerings – the work of our hands, the love of our hearts – and weave them into the great tapestry of your grace.

Bless what we have brought, that it may become bread for the hungry, comfort for the weary, and light for those who walk in shadow.

**Use not only these gifts, but our very lives – to sow kindness where hearts are aching, to carry hope where despair lingers, and to spread your love in places where it is most needed, until all creation is gathered into your great song of peace. In Christ's name, we offer ourselves.
Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

Anthem "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"
Sermon *Wilderness Journeys: Trusting Love in Uncertain Times*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision VU #642

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction May the God of Hope Go with Us VU #424

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.

Thank You – Thanks are extended to Christine Belanger, for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

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 16th, are:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *God seals the covenant with Abram and Sarai.*

Psalm 27 (VU #753-755) *God is my light and my salvation.*

Philippians 3-17-4:1 *My dear friends, my joy, my crown, hold firm in God*

Luke 13:31-35 *Jesus cries over Jerusalem as a hen over her chicks.*

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, March 16th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The FundScrip March promotions are Swiss Chalet/ Montana's - 7% and Walmart - 3.5%.

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.

Official Board Meeting this Thursday, March 13th, at 7:15 pm. We will be discussing the Regional Council survey at this meeting. A limited number of printed copies is available at the back of the 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.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, March 20th, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will assist Greg in leading the service.

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.

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.

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.

Over . . .

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, March 16th, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guest Tip-Er-Back. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Golden Oldies Ceilidh on Saturday, March 22nd, at 7 pm at Spring Park United Church. Come and join them as they rock the sanctuary with a great evening of music as they welcome Jimmy the Janitor, Phase III (Jerry Hickey, Blaine Murphy, Keila Glydon), Dave Altass, Joan Reeves and Judy McGregor (known as Ding and Dong), Serge Bernard, and Janet McGarry. Tickets are \$15.00/person. Pick them up at the church office or at the door the evening of the event.

