

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 Come All You People

MV #2

*Call to Worship

Come, people of God—young and old, seekers and faithful,
weary and wondering.

**We come, for God calls us by name and welcomes us
with open arms.**

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop
them.”

**We come with the openness of children, ready to be
held in grace, ready to be blessed.**

Here, in this place, the water flows, the Spirit stirs, and the
community of faith rejoices.

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

May 18, 2025 – 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Baptism



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)

We come to remember our baptism, to celebrate new life, and to walk together in love.

Let us worship the God who calls us beloved, who gathers us in, and who makes all things new.

Thanks be to God! Let us worship with joy!

***Hymn** Come Touch Our Hearts MV #12

Prayer of Approach

Loving and welcoming God, you call us by name and draw us close, as a parent gathers their children. In this time of worship, open our hearts to your presence.

Remind us that we belong to you—not because of what we have done, but because of who you are: gracious, kind, and full of mercy. As we witness your promises in baptism, renew us by your Spirit. Make us ready to follow Jesus with joy, to love one another as he has loved us, and to walk in your ways all our days.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 148 VU #871

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry VU #644

The Statement

Presentation

Questions And Promises

Minister: Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our table and hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Daniel being baptised as he lives and grows in this Christian community?

Congregational Response

We promise our love, support and care

Profession Of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

Prayer Of Thanksgiving And Pouring Of Water

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Introduction

The Baptism

Daniel Edward, I baptize you in the name of the Father (Creator), and the Son (Redeemer), and of the Holy Spirit (Sustainer).

Amen.

Daniel Edward, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's forever.

Amen.

Daniel Edward, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness of God who created you.

Amen.

Blessing

Giving Of a Candle

Presentation Of Certificate, Bible & Prayer Shawl

Welcome

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

Baptismal Benediction

VU #454

May God who creates you give you light.

May God who sustains you make you wise.

May God who protects you give you joy.

May God who surrounds you give you peace.

Presentation of our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory

We Give Our Thanks

MV #187 vs 1

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, we thank you for your boundless grace and the gift of new life. Bless these offerings, and bless us too—that our lives may be signs of your love, and our gifts may help build your kingdom of peace, hope, and welcome for all. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Acts 11:1-8

Mark 10:13-16

Anthem

By the Well, A Thirsty Woman

Choir

Sermon

Let the Children Come: A Story at the Water

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for the gift of new life—for the quiet growth of the earth, the unfolding of each new day, and the tender care that surrounds all creation.

We are grateful for the life you have planted in each of us, calling us to bear fruit in your love. Today, we give thanks for the baptism of Daniel, and for his family who walk beside him, as he begins this new journey of faith.

We thank you, O God, for your sustaining care.

Today, we lift before you the world, broken and weary, yet held in your ever-present care. We pray for those who are suffering—for the sick, the lonely, the oppressed—that they

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Continued)
may find comfort and healing in the shelter of your embrace.
We hold in prayer the nations of the earth, where conflict
and division wound your people, and we ask for your peace
to enter those places of unrest.

**We lift our hearts to you, O God, and ask for your
healing peace.**

We remember those who are grieving and pray that they
may know the quiet peace of your presence, a peace that
surpasses understanding. May the spirit of new life—the life
that renews, restores, and redeems—flow into our hearts
and into the world, awakening love and compassion in each
of us.

Renew us, O God, and fill us with your love.

Guide us to care for this earth and all its inhabitants with the
tenderness that reflects your own loving care. In your infinite
mercy, we place our prayers, trusting that you hear, you
hold, and you heal.

We trust in your mercy, O God. Amen.

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

***Changing of the Light**

***Blessing and Benediction**

May the God of new life, who calls us all by name, bless you
with the fullness of love and grace. May the Spirit guide you
on your journey, holding you close in every moment, and
may the peace of Christ dwell in your heart today and
always.
Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord, and may the joy of
new life in Christ go with you, now and forevermore. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** Peace Be with You

MV #215

Postlude - *Please stand as you are able

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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 memory of Betty Howatt.
Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Thank You to Christine Belanger for her beautiful gift of music this
morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Welcome – We welcome into our congregation by Sacrament of
Baptism, Daniel Edward, son of Alana and Scott Anderson.

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, May 25th, 2025, are:

Acts 16:9-15 *Paul worships with Lydia and the women by the river.*

Psalms 67 (VU #786) *Let the light of God's face shine upon us.*

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 *John's vision of the city of God.*

John 14:23-29 *The Holy Spirit will come to teach.*

John 5:1-9 *A sick man cured at the pool of Bethesda.*

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

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.

Congregational Meeting – There will be a congregational meeting after the worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Parking Lot Committee.

Praise Service tonight, May 18th, at 7 pm. This event is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Come and enjoy an evening of spiritual music. Everyone is most welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be accepted.

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

FundScrip – The next order date is May 25th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for May are Winners/Homesense 8%, Boston Pizza 8%, American Eagle 8% and Shell 3%.

Financial Assistance for Camp Abby – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by Friday, June 20th.

Annual Take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper will be on Saturday, June 7th. A generous serving of hot roast beef with all the trimmings and including a tasty dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20/ adult, \$7/youth (ages 6-12 yrs) and free for children 5 yrs. and younger. For tickets, order in advance by contacting Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669. **Note:** Tickets will be collected at diners' vehicles and suppers delivered back to vehicles in the church parking lot. We truly appreciate your support and wish you Bon Appetite!

News From Camp Abby

The Camp is eager to greet the campers, but it is in need of a good clean up. Do you have a few hours you could spare on Saturday, May 24th? Many hands make light work. Here are the details:

- We will begin at 9 am - rain or shine to dust away the winter dirt.
- Bring a lunch for a fellowship time.
- We hope to be done and packed up by 3 pm. (But any amount of time you can spare will be welcome).
- Bring a friend or two....
- Bring buckets, shop vacs, rags, cleaning products....anything to make the job easier.

The annual **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Sunday, June 22nd, from 2 pm to 4 pm. More details to follow.

News from Camp Abby (Continued)

We are working on the **WISH LIST** to help keep our cost down. It will be ready to be circulated shortly. Items we know that we will need and you could start to pick up are: cereal, juice, crackers, marshmallows, graham crackers, freezies (small ones), band-aids, and tomato soup.

Please stay tuned for more updates.

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.

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

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – We are still in need of someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

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.

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.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Over . . .

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, May 25th, at 2 pm. Hosts Dino Dunsford and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Tip-Er-Back with Darlene Bradley. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast – You're invited to come to the Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, May 31st, from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon and spend time with family and friends. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Road. For information, please call/text 902-218-6984.

