

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

October 26, 2025 – 10:30 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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 the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

*Introit

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV #79

*Call to Worship

Come, beloved of Earth: you who rise with the sun, you who breathe with the trees, you who walk on holy ground.

We come with gratitude in our bones. We come to remember we belong.

The fields have their own music. The rivers know how to pray. Even the soil carries stories of grace.

Call to Worship (Continued)

**Let creation be our teacher. Let the Spirit be our guide.
Let Christ be our companion on this sacred path.**

Come, let us worship the One who blesses the land, fills the sky with song, and calls us good.

***Hymn** God of Still Waiting MV #20

Prayer Of Approach

Holy One, we arrive as guests—of this land, of this moment, of your unmeasured grace.

May we be gentle in your sanctuary, not only in this place, but in the great cathedral of creation.

Open our eyes to wonder. Open our ears to joy. Open our hearts to blessing.

Not because we have earned it, but because you always give more than we ask.

Lord's Prayer *(A Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer in the Voice of Creation-Aware Discipleship)*

Our Creator, rooted in sky and soil, you are sacred beyond all names.

May your wild and holy ways take root among us. May your dream for the world rise like the morning—in every field, every city, every heart.

Give us this day what we truly need—bread that nourishes without harming, water that runs clean and free, and enough wonder to keep us grateful.

Forgive us for the harm we've done—to the Earth, to each other, to ourselves. And help us forgive those who forget they are part of this great belonging.

Lead us away from habits that destroy. Guide us instead into paths of renewal—where humility is strength and justice is joy.

Lord's Prayer (Continued)

For this is your Earth, your Spirit, your unfolding future—alive with beauty and blessing, now and always. Amen.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 65 VU #782

***Hymn** Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Jesus, Friend of Little Children VU #340 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

***Offertory** We Praise You, O God VU #218 vs 1

*Offertory Prayer

Generous Creator, bless the giver and the gift. May these offerings nourish more than budgets—may they nourish hope.

Let them grow into gardens of justice, ripples of compassion, and reminders that generosity is how you made the world to work. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Joel 2:23-32 (NRSV) *Abundant rain, full threshing floors*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NRSV) *I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race.*

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV) *the Pharisee and the tax collector go to pray.*

Anthem "God Who is Life" *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon *When the Earth Prays Back*
(A sermon spoken in the voice of the Earth)

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU #271

***Changing the Light**

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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 to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.
Congregation of Central Queens United Church

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, November 2nd, are:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 *How long will it be until God acts?*

Psalm 119:137-144 (VU #841) *God's judgments are just.*

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 *Your faith and love are growing abundantly.*

Luke 19:1-10 *Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.*

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.

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, November 9th.

Ministers	All of us
Clergy	Rev Greg Davis
Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 12 pm
Office Phone	902-964-2291
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Church Office	
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Sunday School Teachers are Needed – We are in need of teachers to help with our Sunday School ministry. If this is something that you could help with, please contact the church office. Help us to continue this very important ministry.

Trunk & Treat - After the worship service today we will be opening our trunks for “*Trunk & Treat*”. Come enjoy this time with our youth and young at heart.

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.

Roast Beef Supper – Don’t wait too long and miss the ever-popular Fall Hot Roast Beef Take-Out Supper on Saturday, November 1st. A tasty hot roast beef supper with all the trimmings including a delicious homemade dessert. Order tickets for 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm or 5:30 pm pickup. Cost: \$20/adult, \$7/child 6-12 yrs of age and free for children 5 yrs and younger. Tickets should be ordered in advance by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882. Tickets will be collected at your vehicle at your chosen pick up time. This is your chance for an effortless and tasty supper on a Saturday evening before heading out to another fun event or a carefree night at home.

Annual Frozen Pie Sale – the annual 8” frozen pie sale returns with a variety of delicious flavours including: cherry, apple, strawberry/rhubarb, pumpkin, no sugar added apple, caramel/apple, blueberry, classic berry, and pecan. \$7.50/pie except \$8.50 for pecan. Great treats for dessert, gifts, or hosting. Orders accepted from November 9th – November 23rd. Tentative date for pickup at the church will be Thursday, December 11th. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

Central Queens United Church First Annual Trivia Challenge will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at 7 pm. Gather your team of 4 and your best “team name”. It’s going to be an evening full of fun questions, laughs, light snacks and maybe even some prizes. Who will take home the Trivia Champion Title?

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.

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 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.

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.

The next meeting of the **PEI Cluster** will be this Tuesday, October 28th, from 4-8 pm at Spring Park Church (Charlottetown) in the church sanctuary. Please enter by the main doors as this entrance is accessible. Special guests are Rev. Shepherd Munikwa, Regional Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach, and Jordan MacDonald from the O’Leary pastoral charge, a participant in the UCC’s recent Pilgrimage of Learning Initiative. The planning group hopes to use this time together to highlight social justice initiatives and opportunities for participation, along with time for worship and fellowship. There will be a light meal provided in the gym, accessible via elevator. There will be vegan and gluten free soup, rolls, fruit and cookies as well as tea and coffee. A donation of \$5 to cover food costs is suggested. Please consider inviting a social justice champion from your congregation.

Community News (Continued)

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Hunter River Lions Club (4615 Route 13) is holding its annual Car Rally today, October 26th. Registration is at 12 pm. \$25/car. Prizes for best costume. Light snacks and door prizes to follow. All are welcome.

Spook Organa! - a night of spooky organ music and more - family friendly fun for all ages today, October 26th, at 7 pm. (1 hr program) at Trinity United Church, Summerside. The members of the PEI Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will be decked in their scariest attire as they continue their Halloween tradition of performing at Spook Organa! The concert of macabre organ classics is punctuated with haunting readings and audience participation! Join the fun - come in costume and receive a loot bag! Admission is by free-will offering. Kids of all ages are invited to come in their Halloween attire and, if possible, bring a donation to the food bank. All monetary donations go to their work in promoting the sounds of the pipe organ!! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Environmental Health Fall Volunteer Food Safety Courses – Fall Volunteer Food Safety courses are now open for registration. This course is applicable to volunteers or staff with non-profit organizations. Courses are available at Trinity United Church in Summerside next Tuesday, October 28th, at 6 pm; Our Lady of Assumption Church in Stratford on Tuesday, November 4th, at 6 pm; and St. Paul's Church Hall in Charlottetown on Wednesday, November 19th, at 9:30 am. Interested individuals can register by calling 902-368-4970 or by emailing envhealth@ihis.org.

Saint Andrews United Church (7679 TCH, Vernon Bridge) joyfully gathers to mark a new ministry relationship with Nathan Zwicker. A covenanting service will be held on Wednesday, October 29th, 7 pm. A heartfelt invitation is extended to join them. Your presence would mean the world as they celebrate faith, hope, and fellowship.

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Bedeque United Church invites you to the Palestine Land Exercise workshop on Saturday, November 1st, from 1 - 3 pm. Registration was required at bedequepc@outlook.com. Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict? The Palestine Land Exercise (PLE) is an interactive presentation that walks participants through key historical events in the region since the late 19th century. This workshop is open to all interested in participating!

Wheatley River Country Craft Fair will be held this Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd, from 9 am – 2 pm at the Wheatley River Community Hall, 16 Rackham Ln. Admission is \$2. Two floors of Island Artists.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, November 2nd, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Kim Albert and Mike Arsenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Former 'Blue Crystals' Concert - Park Royal United Church presents a special concert on Saturday, November 15th, at 7 pm, featuring members of the former Blue Crystals—David Altass, Gary Cudmore, Ian Hunter, Paul Chandler, and more—performing classic hits from the 1960's & 1970's across contemporary, country, and rock genres. Fudge sale at intermission (cash only). Tickets are available now. \$15 for adults, free for children, and available online via Eventbrite, at the church office, e-transfer or at the door (cash only). Proceeds support Park Royal United Church programs. For details, call (902) 894-9656.

Online Fall Auction – Park Royal Church will be hosting their third online auction from November 14th – November 24th. Auction items range from gift cards for food, gas, golf etc., coffee parties, Christmas gifts, movies, Fall décor items, painting, dog walking, baked goods, new handcrafted items, dinner parties, theatre tickets, yoga classes, Islanders tickets, hair dressing, car cleaning/detailing, the list is endless!! The auction site will go live at 8 am on November 14th at which time you may join the group at 'Park Royal United Church Online Fall Auction 2025' and start your bidding. An ideal opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Auction closes at 8 pm on November 24th. Pickup of items for successful bidders will be on Saturday, November 29th from 10 am – 12 pm.