

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 28, 2025 – 10:30 am

Sixteenth 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

Rise Up, Rise Up

MV #130

\*Call to Worship

Come, all who seek refuge, all who walk through shadows.

**We will rest in the shelter of the Most High.**

Come, all who are hungry for justice, thirsty for mercy, longing for kindness.

**We will sit at the gate, noticing who waits, welcoming who comes.**

Come, children, parents, neighbours, strangers, and friends.

**Let us worship God together — gates open, hearts ready.**

**\*Hymn** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU #220

### Prayer Of Approach

O God,  
we come carrying gates in our hands,  
barriers we have built, fences we have raised.  
We come with eyes heavy from worry, ears tired from noise.  
Meet us here.  
Breathe into the spaces we have left empty.  
Let your presence rest upon us like sunlight,  
and your shadow be a refuge in the storm.  
Teach us to notice, to sit, to offer bread,  
to welcome the Lazaruses waiting at our thresholds.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer... (found on screen)

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 VU #807-809

**\*Hymn** Come, Let Us Sing VU #222 vs 1 & 2

### All God's Children

**Hymn** Come, Let Us Sing VU #222 vs 3 & 4

### Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

### \*Presentation of Offering

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

### \*Offertory Prayer

O God,  
we bring these gifts to you —  
symbols of our care,  
reminders of our dependence.  
Bless them, bless us,  
that our giving might open doors,  
offer shade,  
and welcome those who wait.  
Amen.

### Listening for the Word

### Prayer for Understanding

### Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15  
Luke 16:19–31

**Anthem** Blessed Jesus *Choir*

### Prayer

### Sermon

### Reflective Music

### Responding to the Word

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**\*Hymn** Now Thank We all Our God VU #236

## \*Changing the Light

## \*Blessing

\***Choral Benediction**      Called by Earth and Sky      MV #135

## Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

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| <b>Ministers</b>     | All of us                                              |
| <b>Clergy</b>        | <b>Rev Greg Davis</b>                                  |
| Office Hours         | Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday<br>9 am – 12 pm          |
| Office Phone         | 902-964-2291                                           |
| Email                | <a href="mailto:minister@cquc.ca">minister@cquc.ca</a> |
| <b>Church Office</b> |                                                        |
| Office Hours         | Wednesday & Thursday<br>9 am – 12 pm                   |
| Phone                | 902-964-2221                                           |
| Email                | <a href="mailto:office@cquc.ca">office@cquc.ca</a>     |

**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.

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

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## 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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, are:

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137:(VU #858-859)  
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School Leaders & Teachers are Needed** – We are in need of someone to lead and others 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.  
**Official opening for Sunday School will be on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Congregational Lunch** will take place after church on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are able, please bring sandwiches or sweets to share.

**Communion** – We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Car Rally** – Save the date - October 18 for our annual CQUC car rally!

**Bookworms United:** We are starting up again! Our first meeting will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025 at Chestnut Lane B&B (20493 Route 2, Hazel Grove) at 10:00 a.m. We will be reviewing *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *Us Against You*. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:office@cquc.ca) or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

**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'.

**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](mailto: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.

**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 **PEI Cluster Gathering** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8 pm at Spring Park United in Charlottetown, The theme will be Social Justice. Guest speaker will be Rev. Shepherd Munikwa, Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach for the United Church of Canada East. If you have a social justice champion (or a potential champion) from your community of faith, please let them know about this event and invite them along! A light meal will be provided. Further details and registration information to follow.

**Camp Abegweit is in immediate need of a treasurer.**

Anyone who is interested in what this position entails contact Sharon Howatt at [vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca) or 902-432-9193.

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Chad Matthews and Jolee Patkai. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

**Bedeque United Church** invites you to the Palestine Land Exercise workshop on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1pm - 3 pm. Please email to register by October 15<sup>th</sup> at [bedequepc@outlook.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> century. Guided by a four-member volunteer team, this 50-minute immersive experience is followed by an Indigenous-style talking circle, offering space for reflection and discussion on steps toward peace. This workshop is open to all interested in participating!

**The Trinity Roast Beef Dinner** will take place on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – with pick up from 4:30 to 5:30 – tickets are now available in the Church Office (902-892-4114) and will be available at the Richmond Street Door at Trinity on Sundays mornings after worship. Price is \$20 each. Menu includes: roast beef, mashed potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, gravy, carrot cake for dessert.

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## Community News

**A Multi-Congregational Commemorative Worship Service Honouring the Life and Ministry of Rev. Peter Gordon (1806-1809).**  
*(York Covehead Pastoral Charge, Mt. Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay Pastoral Charge, Kings United Pastoral Charge)*

On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, all are warmly invited to attend a commemorative worship service honouring The Rev. Peter Gordon, the first resident Presbyterian Minister on PEI (1806-1809). The worship service begins at 2 pm., followed by refreshments, cake, and ice-cream. Many thanks to our host church: the Peter Gordon Memorial United Church (fully accessible). All Are Welcome!"

**Blooming House Ride for Refuge** is a national, family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that allows local charities like Blooming House to raise funds and awareness in a meaningful, community-driven way. It brings together people of all ages and abilities to ride, walk, and give — all in support of vulnerable populations. In 2024, thanks to the energy of over 100 riders and walkers, an incredible \$41,000 was raised!

This year, for their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ride for Refuge on October 4<sup>th</sup>, they are ready to tackle the goal of \$40,000 again, which will help them meet the growing needs of the women they serve. Amid rising costs and increasing demand, they are focused on long-term sustainability and strategic growth. Funds raised through this year's event will directly support their shelter operations and ensure Blooming House remains a safe, stable place for women in need — both today and well into the future. By getting involved, you can make a meaningful impact. You are encouraged to participate as riders, volunteers, or supporters. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kennedy Laybolt at [kennedy@bloominghouse.ca](mailto:kennedy@bloominghouse.ca).

### **Widen My Vision**

God, open my eyes so I may see  
And feel Your presence close to me.  
Give me strength for my stumbling feet  
As I battle the crowd on life's busy street,  
And widen the vision of my unseeing eyes  
So in passing faces I'll recognize  
Not just a stranger, unloved and unknown,  
But a friend with a heart that is much like my own.  
Give me perception to make me aware  
That scattered profusely on life's thoroughfare  
Are the best gifts of God that we daily pass by  
As well look at the world with an unseeing eye.