

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the singing of the Introit)*

*Introit Come, O Holy Spirit MV #23 vs 1

*Call to Worship

In a world crowded with voices, where certainty often speaks louder than compassion,

We come seeking the God who listens.

In a time when answers rush ahead of questions,

We gather before the God who asks, "What have I done to you?"

From mountains and hills, from ancient witness and present longing,

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

February 1, 2026 – 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



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)

God calls us to slow down and remember.

Come - not to impress, not to perform,
But to walk humbly with our God.

***Hymn** Come, Let Us Sing VU #222

Prayer of Approach

Holy and listening God, you do not rush toward judgment, nor do you overwhelm us with demands.

You draw near with questions that invite us back into relationship. You ask not for spectacle, but for lives shaped by justice, softened by kindness, and grounded in humility.

Quiet the noise within us. Loosen our grip on certainty. Make room in us for your gentle wisdom, that we may dwell close to you and to one another. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 15 VU #736

***Hymn** All Poor Ones and Humble VU #68 vs 1

All God’s Children

Hymn All Poor Ones and Humble VU #68 vs 2

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 vs 4

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, receive these gifts as part of our imperfect yet willing lives.

Where there is wobble, bring steadiness. Where there is lack, bring sufficiency. Where there is fracture, bring repair.

May what we offer today be used not for display, but for the quiet work of love in a world that longs for healing. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Micah 6:1-8

What does God require of us?

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Anthem “When the Angels’ Song is O’er” *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon *Walking Humbly in a Loud World*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

For a world that prizes speed and strength yet grows weary from division and strain—teach us the courage of gentleness.
God of mercy, walk with us.

For communities where trust has thinned, where kindness feels costly, and justice feels delayed—steady what has come loose.

God of mercy, walk with us.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession (Continued)

For the church, more or less pure, always in need of repair—keep us humble enough to learn and faithful enough to try again.

God of mercy, walk with us.

For those who feel stranded, without the right tools, unsure how to begin—send neighbours, send grace, send quiet help.

God of mercy, walk with us.

For all we carry in silence this day—spoken or unspoken, named or unnamed—hold us in your listening love.

God of mercy, walk with us. Amen.

***Hymn** When I Needed a Neighbour VU # 600

Changing the Light

*Blessing

***Choral Benediction** Draw the Circle Wide MV #145 Chorus & vs 3

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers	All of us
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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

Vacation/Study Leave – Greg will be away from Tuesday, February 3rd – Saturday, February 21st on vacation/study leave. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, February 8th.

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, February 8th, are:

Isaiah 58:1-12 *The fast that God chooses.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 112:1-10 (VU #834) *Delight in God’s commandments.*

I Corinthians 2:1-16 *Wisdom through God’s spirit.*

Matthew 5:13-20 *You are salt; you are light.*

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

Annual Reports are still available at the back of the sanctuary, if you are needing one.

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 February 15th. Please have orders in **no later than Thursday, February 12th**, as Janet will be away after that date.

Sunday School Helpers are Needed to assist in our Sunday School ministry. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

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.

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 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'.

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.

Happy New Year from Camp Abby!!

Camp Abby is preparing for their summer 2026 and planning some fun activities to celebrate their 80th anniversary.

Concerning though is that they have not received any applicants for the position of treasurer. Their current treasurer needs to step away, and they are in real need for someone to step up. A job description will be coming soon. If you have any interest in this position, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or at 902-432-9193.

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, **February 1st**, at 2 pm. Please note corrected date. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band, with Ian Hunter, welcome special guests Blake Crockett and Crystal Paynter. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Palestine Land Exercise – Trinity United Church invites you to a Palestine Land Exercise workshop on Saturday February 7th, from 1 – 3 pm at Trinity United Church (220 Richmond St, Charlottetown). To register, please contact Trinity United Church via email at trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com by Monday, February 2nd. This workshop is open to all interested in participating.

About the Worship: 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. 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.

Park Royal United Church Roast Beef Supper on Valentine's Day! (Saturday, February 14th) Take-Out at 4:30 pm or 5 pm - \$25/adults and \$15/kids 12 & under. Cash, cheque, e-transfer at office@parkroyalunited.ca or may be purchased through Eventbrite (online - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/.../take-out-roast-beef-dinner...>). Please call 902-894-9656 for more information!

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