

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

We come carrying what binds us, the nets we have learned to live with.

We come, longing for freedom and breath.

The light of God has come near, breaking into ordinary days.

We turn toward that light with open hearts.

Hear the invitation that still echoes along the shore.

We are ready to follow.

*Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

January 25, 2026 – 10:30 am

Third 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.

Prayer of Approach

Holy and generous God, you meet us not in grand gestures but in the midst of ordinary lives. You walk into our working days, our worn routines, our careful habits of survival.

We come as we are, tired and hopeful, curious and cautious, holding tightly to what has kept us afloat.

Loosen our grip, gently.

Make room in us for your wider life.

Draw us into your reign of justice, kindness, and truth, that we may live more freely, and love more fully.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 27:1, 4-9

VU #754

***Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus

VU #341 vs 1, 2 & 3

All God's Children

Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

VU #567 vs 4

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**

God of abundance, receive these gifts and receive also the spirit in which they are offered. Use them to loosen what binds, to heal what diminishes life, and to help build communities where dignity, justice, and compassion may flourish.

***Offertory Prayer** (Continued)

Bless what we give and what we are still learning to release. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-4

The people have seen a great light.

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his ministry.

Anthem

“Jesus Saw Them Fishing”

Choir

Prayer

Sermon

The Day the Nets Became Chains

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

God of the widening way, we pray for a world caught in nets of fear, violence, and injustice.

Loosen what binds. Bring freedom near.

For those burdened by systems that exploit and exclude, for workers, migrants, and those living with uncertainty—

Loosen what binds. Bring freedom near.

For those carrying quiet struggles of shame, grief, or exhaustion, and for all whose inner lives feel constricted—

Loosen what binds. Bring freedom near.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession (Continued)

For leaders and communities tempted by power without compassion, and for ourselves when comfort matters more than justice—

Loosen what binds. Bring freedom near.

For this community, that we may have the courage to follow, the humility to listen, and the patience to walk together—

Loosen what binds. Bring freedom near.

Time of Community Prayer

We offer these prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting that the reign of heaven is already drawing close. **Amen.**

*Hymn Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU # 563

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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Church Office	
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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 Christine Belanger 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.

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.

Annual Meeting today after a time of food and fellowship. We will be having sandwiches and sweets after the worship service followed by the Annual Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, February 1st, are:

Micah 6:1-8 *What does God require of us?*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 15 (VU #736) *Who may be a guest in God’s house?*

I Corinthians 1:18-31 *God’s foolishness better than human wisdom.*

Matthew 5:1-12 *Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

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

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is February 1st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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

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: It didn't start on October 7, 2023. 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.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, February 1st, at 2 pm. 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.

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