

We Gather as God's Beloved

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

July 12, 2026 – 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Rev Eric Lynk

Sacrament of Baptism

Seventh 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, located on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

May all who enter this sanctuary find it a haven of peace.

May it be so. Amen.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather today as followers of Jesus, whom when asked "who are you?" replied:

I am the Light!

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world;
may its light brighten our spirits and, through us, may the light of God shine in our world.

***Introit** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

VU #234 vs 1

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

*Call to Worship

Welcome Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Come, let us worship God!

We have come to worship our Creator!

God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

***Call to Worship** (Continued)

We are the soil for the Sower, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.

God is the great Life-Giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

May we nurture and grow God's kingdom of peace, hope, and justice for all, bearing the fruits of God's Spirit and caring for all of God's creation. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** Let All Things Now Living VU #242

Confessional Prayer of Approach

God of Grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you this day. Nurturing God, you are the Divine Gardener, tilling and cultivating our lives with your love and mercy.

Save us, Lord, from hardness of heart which fails to offer a place for your Word to take root; from shallowness of mind where your Word withers away; and from allowing worldly ways to choke out your tender love for all you have created. Help us to notice the rocks and thorns in our lives, and to call on your nurturing love and grace to transform us into soil that brings forth the fruits of your kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus your Son who comes to bring fullness of life to all you have created. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Comfort

God is indeed the Divine Gardener, tending to us with steadfast love, unending mercy, and eternal faithfulness. It is God's great desire to cultivate a sustaining relationship with each of us through the gift of his boundless forgiveness. In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts. As a community and family of faith may we respond to this amazing grace by forgiving others as we have been forgiven. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Thanks be to God! Amen! Alleluia!

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 119:105-112 (Part Five) VU #841

***Hymn** Out of Deep, Unordered Water VU #453 vs 1 & 2

Time with the Young & the Young at Heart / Sacrament of Baptism
(See Insert)

Today, we receive into the Membership of the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism,
Jack Coltin Rodd,
Son of Nathalie Roy & Donald Brydon Rodd

***Hymn** Out of Deep, Unordered Water VU #453 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

God's Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading Genesis 25:19-34 *Esau gives up his birthright for Jacob's stew.*

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *The parable of the sower and the seed.*

Anthem *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" (VU #644)* Choir

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love for Us

Music for Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *(On the Screen)*

Offertory Invitation

*** Presentation of Offering** We Give Thee But Thine Own
VU #543 vs 1

***Offertory Prayer**

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment,
may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning

As we rise from worship and venture forth into this world God loves:

May the peace of God calm your fears and anxieties.

May the love of God warm our hearts and bring light to our pathway.

May the word of God give you strength and courage to bloom where you are planted.

May the grace of God flow through our lives and out into the world and people around us.

Let us go forth in peace!

In the name of the Lord. Amen. Alleluia!

***Hymn** Great is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

***Becoming Light Bearers**

We have gathered and worshipped in the presence of the Light and Love of Jesus. As we prepare to leave this sanctuary, we are called now to become those who carry the Light of Christ to our world.

**We will go forth to bring Light and Hope to our world!
Amen. Alleluia!**

***Benediction**

***Choral Response** May the Grace of Christ our Saviour
VU #419 vs 1 & 2

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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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 Rev. Eric Lynk who is leading us in worship this morning.

Also thank you to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music.

Central Queens United Church

Life and Work of Our Church

Emergencies – Please contact Lois Lajeunesse at 902-621-0669 or 902-388-1103 for any emergencies.

Supply Minister – Rev. Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, July 19th.

Session Meeting – There will be a Session meeting following the church service today.

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, July 19th, are:

Genesis 28:10-19a *Jacob's dream of the ladder.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (VU #861) *God, you have searched me and known me.*

Romans 8:12-25 *Creation groans with labour pains.*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The parable of the weeds scattered among good seed.*

FundScrip – The next order date is July 19th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Service this Thursday, July 16th, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be leading the service.

Congratulations Graduates!! – Congratulations to our recent graduates:

High School Graduates: Mylah Campbell, Cohen Corbett, and Parker Munro

Secondary School Graduates: Sidney Ling – Holland College, Braxton Stead – Holland College, Ella Stead – UPEI, Lily Taweel – UPEI, and Halle Reardon – New Caledonia College, Prince George, BC and to those we may have forgotten. Congratulations on your well-deserved success!!

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.

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.

Annual Yard Sale – Our annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 15th, from 8 am – 12 noon here at the church. Donations will be accepted until setup day (**Thursday**, August 13th) and can be dropped off during office hours. **Please note change of date.**

Bulletin Deadline is **Wednesday evening**. Please email your announcement(s) 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.

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for the following events:

August 15 – Yard Sale – Donated items can be dropped off during office hours

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theater

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

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.

CAMP ABBY NEWS

Our first campers have arrived and there was a flurry of excitement as they checked in. It was so heartwarming to see so many smiling faces, laughter and hugs.

If you haven't done so already, please check out the pictures on our FACEBOOK page of the renovations that were just completed. A HUGE thank you to ELLEN CLARK and family for their generous

donation. We have a new deck on the main building, a new walkway to both buildings, the flag poles are fixed, picnic tables fixed, a clothesline for the staff, a regraded parking lot and three new heat pumps. Special thanks to Clark Waite of Building Blocs Home Improvements for the work.

Donations are still being accepted from our WISH LIST. We want to ensure all the campers and staff are fed and happy each week.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Howatt at 902-432-9193 or sharon@campabegweit.ca.

Community Events

Pride Parade 2026 Churches Unite – Anglican and United Churches are working together to create a float and walk together in Charlottetown's Pride Parade Saturday, July 25th. The theme is "Home". You are invited to be part of joint preparations for this event or create banners within your own congregation and/or join their group at the parade. If you have any questions, please email Karen at kmacleodwilkie@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, July 21st, & Wednesday, July 22nd, from 1:30-4pm -- float making at the warehouse of Vicki Allen Cook (2378 Friston Road, Stanhope).

Fundraising Pancake Breakfast at Milton Hall this afternoon, July 12th, from 9 am – 12 noon in support of a local Pathfinders and Rangers (Girl Guides) group who are fundraising for a trip to Switzerland in July 2027.

Community Events

Strawberry and Ice Cream Social at Winsloe United Church this Wednesday, July 15th, from 4 - 6:30 pm. Also serving sandwiches. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under, and no charge for pre-school aged children. For tickets, call 902-368-1580 or 902-393-8811. No ticket sales at the door.

Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, July 19th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

CLIMB TILL YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE

Often your tasks will be many,
and more than you think you can do.

Often the road will be rugged,
and the hills insurmountable, too.

But always remember, the hills ahead
are never as steep as they seem,
And with faith in your heart, start upward
and climb till you reach your dream.

For nothing in life that is worthy
is ever too hard to achieve

If you have the courage to try it
and you have the faith to believe.

For faith is a force that is greater
than knowledge or power or skill,
And many defeats turn to triumphs
if you trust in God's wisdom and will.

For faith is a mover of mountains –
there's nothing that God cannot do –
So start out today with faith in your heart
and climb till your dream comes true.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

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