

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

March 29, 2026 – 10:30 am

Palm Sunday

Covenanting Newly Elected Elders



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 of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Brought forward during the hymn*)

***Hymn** Sing It Hosanna Seasons of the Spirit Songbooks #34

***Procession of the Palms**

***Call to Worship**

The city is stirring. Something is happening at the gates.

A rumour of hope moves through the streets.

Not everyone notices. Not everyone understands.

But still, he comes.

Not carried by force, not surrounded by might -

but riding on borrowed humility.

Branches are lifted. Voices rise.

***Call to Worship** (Continued)

Hosanna—save us, we pray.

Come, let us join the movement of grace already unfolding among us.

Let us worship the One who comes.

Prayer of Approach

God of surprising ways, you arrive where we least expect you. Not at the centre of power, but along the edges—in the dust of the road, in the cries of ordinary people, in gestures so easily overlooked.

Gather us, here, in this moment, and re-tune our attention. Let us notice what is quiet but real, what is small but alive, what carries the weight of your presence without needing to announce it. Meet us here, not as we imagine you should be, but as you are.

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

Responsive Reading—Psalm 118 Parts 1, 3 & 4 VU #837

***Hymn** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU#357 vs 1-5

Covenanting of New Elders *See Accompanying Pamphlet*

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God who comes without spectacle, we admit how easily we are taken in by what dazzles. We have chased after voices that promise strength without compassion, certainty without listening, answers without wisdom. We have been quick to celebrate and slow to understand. We have wanted you to fit our expectations, to fix what we fear, to secure what we value, to stand where we stand. And when you do not, we grow restless.

Forgive us for the ways we misread your presence and overlook your path. Turn us again toward what is honest, toward what is life-giving, toward what endures beyond the moment.

Silent Prayer

Words of God’s Steadfast Love

Hear what is already true:

God does not wait for our understanding to be complete. Christ comes anyway - through our confusion, through our hesitation, through all that remains unfinished in us.

There is grace enough for what we have carried in, and mercy enough to meet us where you are.

We are not turned away.

We are invited further in.

Thanks be to God.

***Sung Response** Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171 (Chorus)

***Offertory Prayer**

Take these gifts and place them where they are needed most. Let them move beyond this room - into lives we may never see, into situations we may never fully understand. Use them to mend what is strained, to support what is fragile, to encourage what is just beginning. And use us, too - in quieter ways, perhaps, but no less needed. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem.*

Anthem “Sing Hosanna” *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon "Comfort or Truth?"

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171

***Changing the Light**

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** (*Tune: KINGSFOLD*)

Go now in peace through desert days,
God walks with you in hidden ways.
From ash and dust to hope made new,
The Lord of life goes forth with you.

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 2nd at 7 pm (Seder Meal & Communion)

Good Friday – April 3rd at 10:30 am

Easter Services

Sunrise Service – April 5th at 6:30 am – Breakfast to follow

Easter Worship with Communion – April 5th at 10:30 am

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, April 5th, are:

Acts 10:34-43 *Peter's account of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

Jeremiah 31:1-6 *God's everlasting love.*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (VU #837) *God is my strength and my song.*

Colossians 3:1-4 *Set your mind on things above.*

Matthew 28:1-10 *Mary and the empty tomb.*

These are made available to you for reading during the upcoming week.

Birthday Celebration for Rev. Greg after the worship service. Join us for a fun time of fellowship and food as we celebrate Greg's birthday.

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.

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 – 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 April 12th.

Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast – Come join us for a pancake breakfast after the Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 5th. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 am.

Newfoundland Roast for Rev. Greg Davis' retirement on Saturday, April 11th, at 7 pm here at Central Queens United Church. You are invited to a fun evening with lots of music, and shared memories. A free-will offering will be collected at the door for a charity of Rev. Greg's choice.

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

April 19 – Potluck after church. Congregation is asked to bring a main dish. Cake will be provided.

June 20 – Spring Roast Beef Supper **Please note change of date**

July or August – Yard Sale - Date to be announced

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.

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, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

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Puzzle/Book Lending Library – Amid all the wonderful books that have been donated to the library, Rev. Greg has left several books that would be useful in planning a reflection / short worship for a small group gathering. He has also left some books by his favourite theologians. For more casual reading, we have Clive Cussler, Nicholas Sparks and James Patterson plus dozens of other authors. Come and check out what may suit your reading tastes. Also be sure to check out the wide variety of puzzles available. All are in the main hall.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh this afternoon, March 29th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Jolee Patkai and Jordan LeClair and Family. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Concert – Park Royal United Church will host a concert featuring members of the former Blue Crystals on Saturday, April 11th, at 7 pm. The program will include classic hits from the 1960's and 1970's, along with a performance by local trio We3. Tickets are \$15 for adults, with free admission for children 12 and under, available through Eventbrite, the church office, or at the door (cash only). Fudge sale at intermission! Proceeds support the programs and outreach of the church. For more information, call 902-894-9656 or email office@parkroyalunited.ca.

Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) is a network within the Anglican Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that welcomes anyone and everyone who cares about God's creation, Anglican or otherwise, from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island or beyond.

More Community News

Diocesan Environment Network (DEN) (Continued)

You are invited to join them on Sunday, April 19th, at 2 pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church Hall, Summerside, to hear more about DEN and discuss how your church can engage in eco spirituality, participate in the Pollinator Seed Project (to help plant small pockets of food for pollinators along the roads and in gardens throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island), and answer God's call to be a greener church, reducing your carbon footprint, and engage in outreach, building meaningful connections with the community you service. Contact The Rev. Margaret Collins at brigadebucket@hotmail.com or by telephone at 902-621-2920 for more information.

More information about the DEN events on PEI and the Pollinator Seed Project are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

THE KING *(All words by Tanner Olson)*

You've always done things differently ... and they've never failed.

Like the time you turned water into wine.

Or like when you rubbed mud on the blind man's eyes so he could see.

Or when you healed the paralyzed man because his friends truly believed.

And like the time You entered Jerusalem riding on the back of a colt,

And they asked, "Who is this?"

And they - along with the rest of the world would soon know.

They knew you as the one who healed the sick and fed the poor.

The one who turned lives inside out and upside down.

The one who had 12 close friends, raised a man named Lazarus from the dead, and told a cripple to get out of bed.

But soon they would see you are more than anyone who had come before.

Over

THE KING (Continued)

Just in time - Hope had arrived.

Some cheered and cried Hosanna.

Save us! Save us now!

Please, save us.

They waved palm branches and laid them down so you wouldn't have to touch the ground.

Children sat on the shoulders of parents as they pointed to the one they'd been waiting for

Echoes of *Jesus is Lord* filled the city as you moved toward the beginning of the end.

And we thought that The King was coming to take His crown!

But you knew the King was coming to be buried in the ground, to bring us from lost to found.

Good arrives only to die, only to rise, only for the world to realize

You are who you say You are:

The King.