

Central Queens United Church  
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December 10, 2017 – Advent 2

(Stand as able \*)

**Prelude:**

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Birthday's & Special Occasions: (Tune to Happy Birthday)**

We celebrate you, in all that you do

We love you, God bless you.

Let us celebrate you.

**Gathering Music:** "Home for the Holidays"  
"Christmas in Killarney"

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

*The first candle will be burning*

**Reader 1:** Last Sunday, we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle of hope, as a symbol of the hope God offers us and our world. Our hope is in God's way of Shalom or peace.

**Reader 2:** This morning we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace.

*(light the second candle.)*

**Our peace is a peace, which holds within it a desire of wholeness and justice for all.**

**Ours is the peace that passes understanding.**

**Ours is a peace that looks toward the fulfillment of all God's hopes for creation.**

**Peace is God's gift to us, a gift for us to share with all.**

**Reader 1:** Let us pray. God of peace, as we continue our Advent journey may the light of this candle remind us of the peace you seek to give us and of our call to share your peace with all people through acts of forgiveness, respect and caring. Amen

**Reader 2:** Let us sing the second verse of Hope Is A Star - # 7 in Voices United.

**\*Call To Worship:**

One: The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.

**All: We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising.**

One: The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon.

**All: We come to this day with souls set on praying.**

One: The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.

**All: We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God's will.**

One: In our praising, praying, listening, and responding,

**All: we come to worship God**

**Introit: # 374 vs. 1 "Come Find a Quiet Centre"**

**Prayer of Approach:**

One: God of the ages, we come to you in this time of Advent awaiting your presence as we worship together.

**ALL: Give us the wisdom to see meaning in these busy days.**

One: Give us compassion to wait for one another.

**ALL: Give us faith to wait for the Messiah when we are threatened by the Herods of this world.**

One: Give us the hope to wait for the Saviour even when we cannot hear the angels singing.

**ALL: Give us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our neighbour. Amen.**

**Hymn: # VU 71 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"**

**Responsive Psalm: Responsive Psalm 85 VU Page 802**

**Time With Youth: (at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)**

**Go, Go, Go, with God**

**Have peace within your heart**

**Praise and pray every day**

**Have peace within your heart.**

**Presentation of Our Gifts To God: "Little Drummer Boy"**

**(Choir sings as gifts are received)**

**\*Offertory Prayer: (in unison)**

**Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become. Accept us and our offering & use all in the service of your reign. We pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: # VU 35 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"**

**Prayers of Confession & Renewal: (In Unison)**

**Gracious God, you have done so much for us and we have done so little in return. You ask for humility and we are often a proud people. You ask for willingness and we are often a stubborn people. You ask for repentance and we are often a deaf people. You ask for service and we are often a busy people. Gracious God, you want the best for us. Teach us obedience, grant us forgiveness that we, like Mary might be your willing servants. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

**Special Music: "Today, I'm Gonna Try and Change the World"**

**-LISTENING TO THE WORD-**

**First Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-9

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:1-11

**Sermon:** "Nurturing the Roots of Peace"

**Anthem:** "Do You Hear What I Hear"

**Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer:**

**\*Hymn:** # VU 43 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

**-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-**

**Commissioning & Benediction:**

**Choral Benediction:** # 156 (MV) "Dance With the Spirit"

**Postlude:**



Today's Bulletins Are Placed  
In Loving Memory  
Of  
Mark Kinney  
By  
Melinda & Jeff Stead & Family

**LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH –**

- **Karla's Office Schedule:** Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. & Friday 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.... Occasionally schedule may change due to appointment or commitments.
- Central Queens would like to thank Rev. Jack Spencer for leading our worship service this morning.
- If you are visiting with us today we welcome you and encourage you to sign our guest book located in the foyer of the building.
- Please Note that there is a large wooden box in the foyer where you may place your items for the **FOOD BANK**. The box will be there year round. We ask that you remember the poor in your prayers and donate to the food bank as you are able.
- **You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2017:** United Church Sunday bulletin covers are a great addition to our worship services, providing excellent photos, liturgy, and reflections by United Church people. Congregation members are invited to sponsor a week of bulletins to honour a special day/event or to offer a memorial

for a deceased loved one and to help cover the costs of bulletins for our church. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.

- **Central Queens United Church Cookbook** - Anyone who would like to buy one or more of our cookbooks, please call Karla 964-2221 or 393-9071. These cookbooks would make a great wedding gift, bridal shower gift, birthday gift or even a gift to save for your children when they venture out into the world on their own.

- **Schedule of Ministers for Sunday Services:**  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Clark – Communion  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Clark – morning service 10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Elders – 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Kirk Neville

- Anyone who would like to donate yarn to the Prayer Shawl Group of Central Queens United Church it would be greatly appreciated. The Prayer Shawl Group makes shawls to give to folks in retirement homes, hospital and new mothers etc...

- **FUND SCRIP** – Janet will be set up before church each Sunday selling gift cards with a variety of cards on hand. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program she will be happy to answer your questions. Tim Horton's has also been added to the program. Anyone who wish to pay by e-transfer – we are now set up to accept e-transfer.

- We are looking for **Volunteers** to sign up for our **After Church Luncheon and Tea**. Anyone who can help out please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. Thank You.

- **December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday -- 7:30 p.m. -- **Phase II and Friends "Christmas in the Country" Concert.** Join this popular and very talented group of performers as they sing traditional and not so familiar seasonal Christmas songs. Featured performers include Blaine Murphy, Johnny McGarry, Ed Young, Gerry Hickey, Pat King, Jeannie Campbell and Keila Glydon. Admission is \$10 at the door with light refreshments served.

- **December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. -- **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday – 10:00 a.m. - **Choir Practice.**

- December 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Join us for an Evening of Musical Christmas Spirit with our 4th Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Gospel Concert" featuring music by Gary Chipman, Carol Chipman-Francis, Rodney & Brenda Savidant, Blair Coughlin, Allen "Postie" Connolly and Bob Gagnon. Concert will be held at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. Admission is \$12 at the door. Info: 314-1865

- December 21<sup>st</sup> -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Eve Morning Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- December 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 4 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of the Minister's Book Club. The book is Hagseed by Margaret Atwood, a modern retelling of Shakespeare's The Tempest. No previous knowledge of Shakespeare required, however, to enjoy this wonderful story. All are welcome. Contact Liz Spangler 964 2295 for more information.

#### -COMMUNITY EVENTS -

- Christmas Wreath Fundraiser -- We are offering Christmas wreaths for local charity fundraisers this year at Silver Bell Christmas Tree Farm in Springvale PEI. Our wreaths are made on a 12" base using fresh balsam fir from our farm. They are also decorated with pinecones, berries and a red or burgundy bow of your choice. Each wreath is \$14 and the suggested retail price is \$25. If you are interested or would like more information, please email us or give us a call, we would be happy to help you ((902) 964-3051 or Email: docj@pei.aibn.com).

- Every Thursday's Night – 6:30p.m. – 7:45 --Presbyterian Youth Group to be held at Central Queens Elementary School Gym. Grade 3 and up are all welcome. Come and join the fun.

- The 7th Annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will take place at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove Friday ,December 8 to Sunday, December 10 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm each evening. There will be Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels and live animals along with a choir singing Christmas songs. There will be large displays of Christmas lights and decorations. Freewill donations will be collected for the Children's Wish Foundation and Santa's Angels.

- December 10<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday – 7 p.m. – Central Trinity Choir & Friends; Breadalbane present "Its Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas". Storm Date: December 17<sup>th</sup>. Free will offering to ANDERSON HOUSE. Everyone Welcome.

- December 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- "Christmas at Home", presented by the Lady Singers of Our Century, at Winsloe United Church. Featuring the Christmas songs of Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Anne Murray and Rita MacNeil. Admission \$12 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

- December 12th – Tuesday -- 7:00pm -- Service of Compassion and Hope hosted by South Shore United Church #85 Route 10 in Tryon. For some people this time of year is marked by a deep sense of sorrow and loss; or a stressful season leaving them drained and empty within; others seek a few moments of peace in a time of competing demands. This service is an opportunity to receive a sense of God's renewing presence in the midst of all that we experience. Everyone is welcome. To light a candle to remember a loved one please call by December 8th [902- 658-2863](tel:902-658-2863).

- December 12th -- Tuesday -- 7 p.m. -- Cpl. Andy Cook will be speaking on, Trends of Drugs on P.E.I., at Hunter River Lions Hall. For further info contact Wilfred, 902-964-2409