

Central Queens United Church
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(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:

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

The 3 candles are burning

Reader 1: We have lit again the three candles in our Advent wreath, to remind us of God's gifts of hope, peace and joy.

Reader 2: This morning we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of love.

(light the fourth candle.)

God's love makes the world go round.

God's love heals us and makes us whole.

God's love reached down from heaven to a stable in Bethlehem to bless a world in need.

God's love will fill your heart as you journey to the manger.

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

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

***Call To Worship:**

Leader: O come, children and teenagers, brother and sisters, come and behold the Christmas miracle.

People: O Come, all ye faithful.

Leader: O come, men and women, parents and grandparents, come and hear the Christmas story.

People: O come all ye faithful.

Leader: O come, all the world, every race and place, come and receive God's Christmas blessing.

People: O come all ye faithful.

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

Prayer of Approach: (In Unison)

God of angels and strange messages, we lift our hearts to You as Mary did, calling ourselves Your servants, we dare to offer the fullness of our lives into Your care and keeping.

We ask that our trust may increase so that we also believe that everything is accomplished according to Your word.

Hear us as we pray a word of thanksgiving, as we pray with deep gratitude for the goodness in our lives.

For some it is family, for some it is love, for some it is health or peace or friends,

We give thanks.

God of angels and strange messages, messages of hope reborn and love come close on this Christmas Day.

You are with us, Emmanuel.

We lift the words You gave us to share whenever we pray together and so together we say, Our father, who art in heaven...

Hymn: # 62 "Once in Royal David's City"

Responsive Psalm: Luke 1:47-55 VU 898

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: # 50 "He is Born"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

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

All that we have, all that we are,

All that we have been, all that we will be is Yours, Creating God.

Create with our gifts a new thing, we pray –

A new hope, a new vision, a new dream –

Through Jesus, our Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 117 "Jesus Christ is Waiting"**

Prayers of Confession & Renewal:

Assurance of Pardon:

Special Music: "Christmas is a Birth

Passing Of The Peace Of Christ:

The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 11, 16
Romans 16: 25 - 27

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 26 – 38

The word of the Lord is proclaimed! Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "What a Gift!!"

Anthem: "Caroling, Caroling"

Pastoral Prayers:

Hymn: # 60 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Commissioning & Benediction: (In Unison)

Go forth in step with Love.

Go forth to the rhythm of the Spirit.

Go with Christ to laugh and love,
and heal the world.

If You, O God, are with us, we can go.

If You, O God, are for us, we can dance.

If You, O God, are in us, we can laugh and heal.

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

Postlude:



Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Of
Father In Law
Oscar Lajeunesse
By
Lois Lajeunesse & Family



Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Of Our Parents
George W. Clark (1905 – 1971)
Rachael MacDonald Clark (1907 – 1961)
By
Wendell & Sylvia

-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. Gary Clark 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. 24th – Elders – 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Dec 31st – Kirk Neville

Jan. 7th – Rev. Spencer

Jan. 14th – Rev. Spencer

Jan. 21st – Rev. Clark

Jan. 28th – Rev. MacLeod

Feb. 4th -- Rev. Spencer

Feb. 11th -- Rev. MacLeod

Feb. 18th -- Rev. Clark

Feb. 25th – Rev. Spencer

• 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.

- In event of **Inclement Weather** an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 a.m. and it will also be posted on our web-site.

- **December 31st** - Sunday – 10:00 a.m. - **Choir Practice**.

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

- **January 7th** – After Church -- Gena Yeo will be do an approximately 20 minute **presentation on her mission trip to Rowena**. Everyone welcome.

- **January 13th** – 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, to enjoy this wonderful story. All are welcome. Contact Liz Spangler 964 2295 for more information.

- **January 18th** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the United Church Women (Central).

- **January 18th** - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. -- **Official Board meeting** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **January 21st** - Sunday - after church -- **Congregational Meeting**. The Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) will present its report. Everyone is welcome.

- **January 28th** - Sunday -- **Annual Meeting**. There will be a pot-luck meal following the church service. The Annual Meeting will be held after the meal. Everyone is welcome.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS -

- 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.