

Central Queens United Church

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Ministry Of Music:

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP-

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday's & Special Occasions:

Lighting of The Advent Candle:

Voice 1: On this second Sunday in Advent we light the candle of Hope again. (Light first purple candle) We remember our longing for God to be with us.

People Today, we light a second candle and name it Peace. (Light second purple candle)

Voice 1: This candle reminds us of our need for peace in the world and within our communities.

People: This candle reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and that he is coming.

Voice 1: Come, Lord Jesus

All: take our hatreds and turn them into handshakes.

Come, Lord Jesus take our prejudices and turn them into peace-offerings.

Voice 1: Come, Lord Jesus

All: take our misunderstandings and turn them into music.

Come, Lord Jesus take our divisions and make them into dances. Amen.

"I Am Walking a Path of Peace"

I am walking a path of peace

I am walking a path of peace

I am walking a path of peace

lead me home,

lead me home. I am home.

Call To Worship:

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One, who alone does wondrous things.

People: May our praise resound as we glorify God's name.

Leader: May our worship be filled with gratitude and joy

People: The generosity of God's spirit fills our being, calling us to serve the poor, the needy, the oppressed.

Leader: Blessed be God's glorious name forever; may God's glory fill the earth.

*Introit: # 4 (MV) "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

We await your coming, Lord. Waiting is hard in our fast paced world. We forget that good things can happen in waiting and that you are faithful in fulfilling the promises made to us. In these days of advent as we await the celebration of your birth, quiet us to hear the song of the angels. Create in us real joy, stir in us a spirit ready to praise and fill us with songs of gladness. We pray to you O God for you are the One who comes with light, healing and blessing. Amen.

Hymn: #2 "Come Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72 (VU Page 790) Parts 1 & 3

Time With Youth:

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, Go, Go with God

Have peace with your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace with your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: # 68 "All Poor Ones and Humble" (Choir Sings as Gifts Are Received)

Offertory Prayer:

In this Advent season, O God, we pray that all our giving and receiving may happen in a Spirit of peace and gentleness. Accept the gifts we offer, with the prayers of our hearts that justice and mercy may be known to all your people. Amen.

Hymn: # 20 "On Jordan's Bank"

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Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

O God of Promise, you come to us as Savior and Judge, open now our hearts as we confess our sins. You promise a world of peace, yet we feel there are too many obstacles to make it happen. You promise hope, yet we feel tomorrow will have the same problems as today. You promise us love, and we often worry that few care and we don't matter. O God forgive our lack of hope and trust in you... (silence) God forgive what we have been. Help us to change who we have become we pray in your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: As we journey in Advent, we are not alone. God goes with us each step of the way, offering us love, peace and pardon.

People: Praise be to God for these amazing gifts!

The New Creed: (Sung)

Special Music: "Oh What a Wonderful Gift"

LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1 - 12

Sermon:

Choral Anthem: "Make Way"

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: # 312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: The road to Bethlehem is before you. Be guided by a star.

People: We will journey onward led by the light before us.

Leader: May hope peace, joy and love be the gifts we offer each other and may God's blessing be upon us as we leave this place of worship.

Amen

Choral Benediction: "God Grant Us Grace" (Tune to Amazing Grace)
God grant us grace, and peace to share,

Faith, joy and mercy good.

Sent from this place,

Renewed to share, With all God's neighborhood.

-THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH-

- 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 2016:** 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 new cookbooks, please call Karla at 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.

- 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..

- Next week (December 11, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10; James 5: 7 – 10; Matthew 11: 2 - 11. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.

- The church is running out of storage space and is wondering if anyone has available space at home where we could store items. If you can help us out please call church office at 902-964-2221.

- Bible Reading Guides for 2017 – These are provided free by The Canadian Bible Society. You are encouraged to read your Bible daily and 2017 is a good year to begin.

- There are copies of a “Statement on U N Declarating on the Rights of Indigenous People as the Framework for Reconciliation” at the back of the church. If you are interested please feel free to take a copy.

- The Fall Newsletter has been delivered to homes in the Rustico, North Wiltshire and Hunter River mail districts. For those of you outside these areas we hope you'll take a copy for your family. They are at the back of the church.

- 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.

- Christmas Gift Cards - Christmas will soon be here! If you are looking to purchase gifts cards please speak to Janet Howes. Janet is now looking after Fund Scrip! Thank you Janet!

- Youth Group (grades 7 to 12) meets the last Friday of each month from 7 to 9 at the church or an off-site location.

- December 4th – Sunday – Everyone is invited to enjoy Cake and Ice Cream with Rev. Barb following the church service.

- December 4th- Sunday – The Central Queens United Church Sunday School will host a Live Outdoor Nativity on Sunday, December 4th, in the parking lot of the Church. There will be 3 showings: 6:00, 6:20 and 6:40. There will be refreshments to follow in the Church. The White Gift offering will go to a family in need in the Central Queens area. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please contact Grace McCourt at [\(902\) 388-0260](tel:9023880260) or Debbie Smith [\(902\) 940-2496](tel:9029402496).

- December 6th – Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. – Come join the ladies for our Annual Pot Luck Meal & Social Time to be held at the church. All ladies are welcome to come and join us. Hosted by the Queens Unit of Central Queens UCW.

- December 8th -- Thursday – Central Queens United Church Pie Orders are ready for pickup. Pickup time is 12 noon to 6 p.m.

- We need volunteers to make Fudge for the Phase 2 Christmas Concert on December 11th for our Fudge Sale. If you are able to help out with this fundraiser please drop off fudge at our church in the morning of Sunday, Dec. 11th.

- December 11th -- Sunday – 7:30 p.m. – Phase 2 and Friends Christmas Concert to be held at Central Queens United Church. Featuring Keila Glydon, Jeannie Campbell and Gerry Hickey and musicians, Blaine Murphy, Pat King, Ed Young, and John McGarry. Admission \$10 at the door. Refreshments too.

- ~Dec. 15th – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

- December 17th -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. – Minister's Book Club. Location to be announced. The book is “The Fortunate Brother” by Donna Morrissey. For more information please call Liz Spangler at 902-964-2295 or email spangler@upei . New members welcome.

- December 18th – Sunday – 7:30 p.m. - Join us for an evening of Musical Christmas Spirit with our 3rd Annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Gospel Concert" featuring music by Gary Chipman, New Brunswick singers, Jessica McLaughlin & Joey Hebert, Rodney & Brenda Savidant, Ed & Linda Doiron, Blair Coughlin, Allen "Postie" Connolly and a performance by the Breadalbane Guitar students. Concert will be held at Central Queens United Church on Sunday, December 18th at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$12 at the door. Info: 314-1865.

- December 24th -- Saturday – 6 p.m. -- Christmas Eve Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- December 25th -- Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Service to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- ~January 19th – Thursday – 7:45 p.m. -- Official Board Meeting to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- ~Jan. 26th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.

- January 29th – Sunday – After Church -- Annual Meeting will be held at Central Queens United Church. The plan is to do what we usually do - have a potluck meal after the service, and then have the meeting.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- Christmas Fund Raiser for My Place Housing First With The Canadian Mental Health Assoc.. If you can help by donating to this cause please call Jessica MacPherson at 902-314-5377 or leave items in the box outside the sanctuary and we will make sure the items get to them. Items that are needed are gift cards, groceries, cleaning supplies, housewares, hygiene products, hats, mitts scarfs, etc...

- Tuesday's & Thursday's -- Eternal Fitness is expanding to Hunter River! Classes will be held at Hunter River Community Centre. We are currently offering Group Fitness Classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:45pm-1:30pm. Tuesday class is Cardio Core and Thursday is Tabata. Both classes will be catered to all fitness levels (beginner to advance). First class is free, \$10 drop-in, \$64 for one month, taxes included. For the remainder of the month of November we have a 50% off offer! Bring a friend and you will both receive 50% off your month membership. If you are looking for more information about our programs in Hunter River or South Rustico you can contact Denee Gallant via phone or e-mail: [902-218-1529](tel:902-218-1529), dgallant31@gmail.com

- Dec. 4th -- "Home for Christmas" - A Musical Play for World Vision -- The New Glasgow Christmas Choir will present the musical play "Home for Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 3rd and Sunday, Dec. 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the New Glasgow Christian Church. The church is located opposite the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers on Route 258 in New Glasgow.

Singers, actors and musicians stir up some fun-filled Christmas memories on this journey "Home for Christmas".

Admission is free but the choir hopes to raise enough money through donations to send a stable full of animals to a World Vision village. World Vision gives groups and individuals the opportunity to send life sustaining animals to children and their families who need support. These animals bring health and lasting income to families and their communities – a gift that keeps giving year after year! A stable full of animals can help an entire community break the cycle of poverty.

- December 4th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Benefit for PEI Wild Child -- Bonshaw Ceilidh The monthly Ceilidh Concert at the Bonshaw Hall. Performers include special musical guests: fiddler Megan Pollard with singer/accompanist Stephanie Ross (of The Ross Family); Eclectic Ensemble: Gary Torlone, Marcus Lutterman, Roger Greaves and Kevin Yarr; stepdancers from Roberts Academy of Dance; plus local musicians Herb MacDonald, Phil Pineau and Tony the Troubador. delicious lunch, and open stage time. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to [PEI Wild Child Nature Immersion Program](#). Everyone welcome; accessible for smaller wheelchairs. For more information phone 675-4093 or check the Facebook page.

- Dec 9th – Friday – 5 – 9 p.m. -- Christmas Tea and Liquidation Sale (In Support of Local Refugee Families): On Friday, December 9th (5-9pm), First Baptist Church begins liquidating large quantities of new, *quality home decor* items donated by a local business - \$10 for 16pc dish sets, lamps \$15 or 2 for \$25, candle holders 2 for \$5, candles and vases galore, Christmas crafts too, and more... The sale continues over a Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 10th (10-1pm) - *\$5 for Tea or Coffee and 4 sweets*. Larger trays of sweets also for sale separately. All proceeds go to supporting refugee families right here in Charlottetown! Come join us at 235 Prince Street (Fitzroy Street Entrance).

- The North Shore Players (not for profit community theatre group) are presenting 'A Christmas Carol', involving members of the North Shore communities of Hunter River, Wheatley River, and North Rustico! The North Shore Players present : "A CHRISTMAS CAROL". Dates and times are as follows:
Friday December 9 – 7:30; Saturday December 10 – 2:00 and 7:30;
Sunday December 11 – 2:00; Friday December 16- 7:30; Saturday December 17 – 2:00 and 7:30 & Sunday December 18 – 2:00

- Once again this year there will be a Drive Thru Living Nativity in Canoe Cove. It will be held at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove. It will run from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 11. Joseph , Mary ,Baby Jesus(doll), shepherds, kings, angels , live animals , Christmas choir singing Christmas carols along with a large display of Christmas lights and decorations. Freewill donations will be accepted for The Children's Wish Foundation and for Santa's Angels. Please come and enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas.

- December 11th -- Sunday – 7 p.m. -- The Docherty Family Band & Friends present 'An Island Christmas Tradition' at Park Royal United Church Sanctuary – featuring Kendall Docherty & Family. Tickets available at the door - \$12 adults & \$20 per couple. Fudge & water sale at intermission.

- December 12th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- The Lady Singers of our Century Christmas Show in Winsloe United Church. We are preselling our tickets for this show. Tickets are available from Vaunda Dollar, at National Music (566-2894 or 894-9901) or from any of the ladies in the group: Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor, Keila Glydon, Jolee Patkai or Colleen MacPhee.