

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 Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Remember the light that shone on us at Christmas?

All: We come again to that light; it is shining still.

Leader: It continues to bring hope, peace, joy and love.

All: We come to that light this morning. The light that shines from God through Jesus the Christ.

***Introit: # 4 "All Who Are Thirsty"**

Prayer of Approach: (Unison)

In an age of scientific and technological wonders, O God, we come in search of a miracle. We come, because despite the spectacular achievements of this age, we also live in an age of anxiety.

These are also times of confusion, loneliness and the loss of meaning.

In these moments of worship speak to us, O Lord.

Speak to us once again of the miracle of love.

Show us the miracle of forgiveness. And enable us to bear this miracle to the heart of those seeking meaning and purpose in life.

Our Father...

***Hymn: # 342 "You Servants of God"**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 40 VU Page 764

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 within your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: # 508 "Just As I Am"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

O God, sometimes we tremble as we experience Your presence among us. We know we will never know the fullness of all that You offer to us daily. Come to us with our limited understanding and show us what we can understand.

Show, once again, Your self-giving love in Jesus. Enable us to give more freely of who we are and what we have received because of His sacrifice and the self-giving love of others. Amen.

***Hymn: # 378 "Spirit God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Assurance of Pardon:

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49: 1 - 7

Gospel Reading: John 1: 29 - 42

Sermon: "Reflectors Of The Light"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: "This Thread I Weave"

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

Commissioning & Benediction:

We ask God for strength and the blessing of peace.

Our words are heard. Let God be heard.

Listen to the unexpected, to dreams God sends,

To Christ's life. God has spoken and still speaks for a purpose.

We go from here to live out that purpose.

Choral Benediction: “God Grant Us 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 neighbourhood.



Today’s Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory Of
Herbert Schnurr,
July 3 1905- January 4 1995,
Presented by his daughter
Mo Prouse.

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church 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.
- Karla’s (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.. Please note change of schedule.
- 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..
- 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 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.
- We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons. Next week Lectionary Readings are: January 22 – Isaiah 9: 1 – 4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18; Matthew 4: 12 – 23.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.
- **January 18th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** 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.
- **January 22nd** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Sunday – Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **January 22nd** -- Sunday – 2 p.m. – **Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity** to be held at St. Augustine Church in Rustico. Storm date will be January 29th at 2 p.m. .
- **~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-

- **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**

- **February 11th – Saturday – 5:30 p.m. -- Bring your sweetie for a romantic evening of food and entertainment to celebrate Valentine's Day at Park Royal Church's 'Roast Beef Dinner. Entertainment by Singing Strings and Sirens. Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Adults \$20 and children 12 and under \$10. Contact Donna at Church Office [902-894-9656](tel:902-894-9656) for tickets.**

- **January 15th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Community Centre. For a list of guest entertainers see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, January 13th**

- **February 21st -- Tuesday – 6 p.m. -- Camp Abby's Annual Meeting will be held at Trinity United Church in Summerside.**

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you think you might attend, please notify a board member or you can send an email to the board chair, Garth Cousins at garthcousins@hotmail.com or call him at [902-436-0458](tel:902-436-0458).