

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:**

One: As the angels called the shepherds to come and see the newborn Saviour;

All: As the star led the magi to the newborn King;

One: So God calls us today in many ways to come into the presence of the divine in our midst.

All: Let us respond to that call and hear again the good news God has for us. Let us worship God.

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

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

God of the constellations and the distant stars, you call us from all corners of creation, drawing us to the side of your son Jesus Christ so we might kneel before him in worship and find life and meaning in his presence. Use this time of worship so we might be drawn closer to you and see what you see, dream what you dream and follow where you lead, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: MV 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 60 VU Page 886

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: MV 191 "What Can I Do"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer: (unison)**

As the Magi offered gifts most rare, at Thy cradle crude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you our heavenly King. Lord receive these gifts of our love. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 320 "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"**

Prayers of Confession & Renewal:

One: Light has come into the world but we love the night.

ALL: Love has come into the world but we continue to hate.

One: Grace has come into the world but we cannot forgive.

ALL: Hope has come into the world but we are surrounded by despair.

One: New life has come into the world but we are tired.

ALL: Peace has come into the world but conflict continues.

One: Joy has come into the world but we are sad.

ALL: Judge us, O God, by your gracious love.

One: Forgive us, O God, and set us free. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

One: God's forgiveness is as endless as the waves on the sea,

ALL: God's grace is deeper than the deepest ocean.

One: God's mercy washes us in love and sets us free to make new beginnings.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Special Music:

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: "The Joy of Repentance"

Anthem: MV 23 "Come, O Holy Spirit"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: # VU 710 "Shall We Gather at the River"

-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
Terry (Smith) Tremere
By
Sisters, Brothers & Families

-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. Please Note: Karla has the church phone call forwarded to her cell phone to try to ensure that all calls can be answered or calls returned.

- 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 2018:** 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:

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. January promotions are Shell 3%, Indigo 7.5% and Starbucks 6%. 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.

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

- **January 9th** -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – **Queens UCW** to be held at Velda's Bertram's. Worship: Joan George Bernard; Program: Margaret Smith; Lunch: Joan George Bernard & Margaret Smith; Rollcall: Item for food bank

- **January 10th** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **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 14th** -- Sunday -- **ALL ANNUAL REPORTS** are to be passed into Karla the secretary by Sunday, January 14th. Reports can be also be emailed to office@cquc.ca

- **January 14th** - Sunday – 10:00 a.m. - **Choir Practice**.

- **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 25th** - Thursday - 7:00 p.m. **Presbytery Meeting** at Central Queens United Church.
- **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.
- **January 8th** – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- **Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** -- Host Colleen MacPhee will be joined by Larry Campbell and drummer/vocalist Billy Matthews. Admission is \$10 at the door.