

Central Queens United Church

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Musical Prelude: “Your Grace Is Enough”
“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday’s & Special Occasions:

Lighting Of the Christ Candle:

Call To Worship:

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God.

People: We will sing praise to God.

Leader: It is good to sing praises to our Awesome God.

People: We will celebrate our faith and we will honor God with our words and actions.

All: It is good to give thanks to God! Amen and Amen.

Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Prayer Of Approach:

Your love, O God is a light unto our path. Your wisdom is available to us, we need only ask. We come today realizing that you are present in this place and in every corner of creation. As we worship open our hearts so that we might truly experience your goodness. Fill us with energy and enthusiasm. As we listen to the music open our ears to hear the harmony and beauty of every note. Create in us a space to welcome you into our lives not just for this hour but for every moment of our being. We ask this in the name of Christ, who lived and died for us all. Amen.

Musical Selections: “Giver of Life”
“Everlasting God”

Responsive Reading: Luck 1: 68 – 79 VU Page 900

Children’s Hymn: “This Little Light of Mine”

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

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we find it easy to praise you and to express gratitude to you when all is well – our health is good, the market is up, relationships are secure and we have enough of the material goods that we want. But that is not the story when we face adversity – when illness surprises us, when the economy dips, when a relationship unravels, when our resources do not meet our desires. How quickly we become cynical and doubt crowds our minds. Pessimism threatens to dominate our outlook. And our words of praise fall silent. Forgive us O God and teach us unwavering faithfulness. Teach us that you are present in adversity. Forgive our lapse in gratitude and restore us again. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Thanksgiving comes from recognition of God’s care for us.

People: God does care and God also forgives when our words are sincere.

Leader: Then let us rejoice for we are offered a new beginning. Thanks be to God.

Musical Selections: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 reasons)”
“His Strength is Perfect”
“Oceans”

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6
Luke 23: 33 – 43

Musical Selection: “Peace In The Valley”

Presentation of Our Gifts to God:

Offertory Music: “Days of Elijah”

Offertory Prayer:

Great and Generous God, we bow before you to make an offering. You fill our days with blessings beyond numbers. Your grace follows us even in our darkest days. Here is our praise. Here is our money. Here are our hearts. These are our gifts of hope. May they be used to share your love with others. Amen.

Musical Selection: “Indescribable”

Pastoral Prayers – The Lord’s Prayer:

Hymn: “Here I Am Lord”

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Take courage for God is with us.

People: God's Spirit moves among us.

Leader: Have faith, for God offers us abundant blessings.

People: God's Spirit lives within us.

Leader: Rest secure each day, for God restores our hope.

People: God's Spirit offers us new life and journeys with us. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "My Light House"

-THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH-

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Step by Step for their beautiful gift of music 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.

- **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.

- 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.

- **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 (November 27, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Isaiah 2: 1 – 5; Romans 13: 11 – 14; Matthew 24: 36-44. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.

- **New Sign Update** -- Cost of our new sign is \$3,400 plus tax. Funds raised to date is \$2,938.25.

- 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.

- **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...

- **November 20th** - Last day to submit pie orders to congregation members or call Lois at [902-621-0669](tel:902-621-0669) or church office at [902-964-2221](tel:902-964-2221). 8" frozen delicious pies for \$6 each in a variety of flavours. Convenient for hosting or gifts

- **~November 23rd** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **~Nov. 24th** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Presbytery Meeting** at Central Queens United Church.

- **November 25th** -- Friday -- 7 – 9p.m. -- **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. The next Youth Group event will take place at Kim & Mike Taweel's, 102 Hazel Grove Road, on Friday, November 25th. For more information, please contact Grace McCourt at [902-388-0260](tel:902-388-0260) or Debbie Smith at [902-940-2496](tel:902-940-2496).

- **November 27th** -- Sunday – 3 – 4:30 p.m. – **Men of the Harvest Christmas Concert** A most popular Island men's choir. Admission: \$10 at the door and light refreshments served.

- **~November 27th** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Sunday Morning Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **November 28th** – Monday – 7 p.m. viewing & 7:30 bidding – **PEI Home Economic Auction** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **December 3rd** – Saturday – 7 p.m. -- **Country Christmas Music Concert** to be held at Central Queens United Church. Music by Retro Frets, Party Mix, Lou Doiron, Central Queens Musical Friends, Sarah Annema, NFLD Mummies. Free will offering which will be split between Good Samaritan Fund and Local Red Cross.

- **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. 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 – This is the expected date for Central Queens United Church **Pie Orders** to be in.

- **December 11th** -- Sunday – 7:30 p.m. – **Phase 2 Christmas Concert** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

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

- **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

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- **Nov. 20th** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- South Shore United Church (#85 Route 10 in Tryon) is celebrating the completion of a **Sanctuary Renewal Project**, bringing back the historic look of the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to join honoring the work that has been done, and the vital ministry of the congregation it reflects. A church service theme called “A LIVING FAITH” will be offered on Sunday Nov. 20th at 7 p.m., with lunch to follow.

- **November 20th** – 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, November 18th.. Please note the bridge work at Kelly's Cross has now been completed.

- **Nov. 28th** – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- **Dino and the Harmonies Christmas Show** in Winsloe United Church on Monday, November 28th, starting at 7:30.

- **December 2nd** – Friday – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. -- SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH is holding a **GIANT BAKE SALE** at the Confederation Court Mall near the TD Bank. There will be lots of home baked goodies including cookies, squares, cakes, pies, and tea breads. Jams, jellies, pickles and fudge will also be on sale. Come early for the best selection.

- **December 2nd** – Friday -- 7:30 pm. -- **The Annual Sorensen Family Christmas Concert**, “The Twilight Is Falling”, will be held at the South Shore United Church, #85 Route 10 in Tryon. Lunch and a time for Christmas socializing will take place after the concert in the Howatt Memorial Centre. Admission is a freewill offering in support of special Church projects. For more information please call [902-658-2009](tel:9026582009).

- **Dec 3rd & 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.

- 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

- 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.

- December 13th -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. -- Service of Compassion and Hope on at 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. This service is an opportunity to receive a sense of God's renewing presence in the midst of all that we experience. To light a candle to remember a loved one, please contact Rev. Karen at [902-658-2863](tel:902-658-2863).

- December 20th -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. -- Christmas Pageant in the Barn. Come experience the feel of a stable setting. Hear the gift of music and story in a simple service at the Francis Family Farm at #631 Branch Road in Lady Fane.

- 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).