

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 First Sunday in Advent we light this candle and name it Hope. (Light purple candle) As we light it, we remember that because of Jesus we have hope in all circumstances.

Voice # 2: This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence and it reminds us that the people in the early church were longing for God's presence too.

Voice # 1: This candle is also a symbol of the longing of all throughout the world who suffer from illnesses: their longing for God to be with them and their families; their longing for understanding and compassion.

Voice # 2: As we light this candle we remember our commitment to bring that hope through our love and our caring

All: O God, come, travel with us through Advent, and shed your light among us. Give us hearts of generosity and compassion, hearts them reflect your love, and help us to be channels to spread your hope in the world. 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: Advent means coming.

People: We are waiting for the second coming of the Prince of Peace; we celebrate the first coming of the Prince of Peace.

Leader: Advent means coming.

People: In earnest expectation we pray for the days when nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Leader: Advent means coming.

People: In sincere anticipation, we hope for the time when love and faithfulness meet together, when righteousness and peace kiss each other, when faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

All: In prayer and anticipation let us come before the Lord of the universe. In humbleness we worship the Lord of the nations.

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

Prayer Of Approach:

O God, You, who prepared the minds and hearts of women and men for the coming of Your Son, and whose spirit works ever to brighten our darkened lives with the light of Your Gospel: prepare now our minds and hearts, we ask You, that Christ might dwell in our thoughts and affections as the King of Love, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Hymn: # 477 "I Come with Joy"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 122 VU Page 845

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:

(Choir Sings as Gifts Are Received)

**Offertory Prayer: God of Abundance,
We thank You for what we have received and what we can share.
We offer these gifts and ourselves to be used as instruments of
peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn: # 5 “All Earth is Waiting”

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Leader: The Child of Peace is coming to be born.
But into what sort of a world are welcoming him?
We have made this world a violent world.
Today, we confess, before the Lord,
How we have contributed to this situation,
As individuals, as a community of faith and as a society.
So let us share a litany of confession – from the darkness of violence
into the light of your peace.

**All: Here I am Lord, laying my life before you.
Because I do not accept the peace you give me and I cherish
violent thoughts.**

I find it difficult to forgive others.

If I am offended I offend in return.

Sharing is a word that does exist in my vocabulary.

I sow weeds instead of good seeds.

**I fold my arms, but I know that I could use my hands to build
justice.**

Today, I pray, be merciful to me.

Give me strength and courage.

To walk from the darkness of violence into the light of Your peace.

Leader: Here we are, Lord, laying our lives before You,
Confessing our faults, whispering our sins to You.
Because we do not understand the peace You offer us, and we build up
structures of violence:

**All: We accept social and political systems that oppress the
weakest.**

We respond to violence with more violence.

**We find it hard to commit ourselves to changing this distressing
situation.**

We promote violence as a form of entertainment.

We remain silence in face of injustice.

Leader: Today, we pray, be merciful to our society.

All: Give strength and courage

To walk from the darkness of violence into the light of Your peace.

Here we are, Lord as churches, laying our lives before You,

Confessing our faults, whispering our sins to You.

Because we do not practice the peace You offer us:

All: We use Your word to justify attitudes that produce violence.

We misuse the power of the church.

We do not accept diversity and we exclude others.

**We keep the oppressed at a distance and receive oppressors with
arms wide open. As Christians, we claim to have the absolute
truth.**

Leader: Today, we pray be merciful to the Church.

All: Give us strength and courage

To walk from the darkness of violence into the light of Your peace.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Our God, is a God of steadfast love and compassion.

People: In Christ we are free to begin again.

Leader: We are free to receive the fruit of the Spirit.

People: The Spirit will guide us into love and peace.

**Special Music: “A Candle Is Burning” Central Queens Musical
Friends**

The New Creed: (Sung)

LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 36 - 44

Sermon:

Choral Anthem: “Thy Word” Central Queens Musical Friends

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer:

Hymn: # 27 “Tomorrow Christ is Coming” (Tune of VU Page 164)

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Let us walk in this Advent season.

People: with hope for the Advent of the Prince of Peace

With joy in God’s loving care,

With courage to bring God’s peace for everyone in every place.

Leader: May everyone be happy and safe, and may your hearts be filled with joy. May all beings live in security and in peace. And may the blessing of God the Creator, the Prince of Peace and the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

Choral Benediction: “Go, Now In Peace”

Go Now in Peace...Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.



Today’s Bulletins Are Placed

In Loving Memory

Of our parents

Leonard & Reta Ling

&

Claude & Roma MacLeod

Presented by

Melvin Debbie & Family

-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.

• Next week (December 4, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: **Isaiah 11: 1 – 10; Romans 15: 4 – 13; Matthew 3: 1 - 12.** 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 26th** – Saturday – 6 p.m. – **Children’s Movie Night** to be held at Central Queens United Church. The movie will be “The Muppet Christmas Carol.”

• **November 26th** – Saturday – 7:30 p.m. – **Adult Movie Night** to be held at Central Queens United Church. The movie will be “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation.”

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

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

• ~December 1st -- Thursday – 9:15 a.m. – Time Out Group For Women to be held at Hampshire Hall. This is an ecumenical Bible Study group. All women welcome. For more information please contact Joan Bernard at 902-964-3265.

• December 2nd -- 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. For more information, please contact Grace McCourt at 902-388-0260 or Debbie Smith at 902-940-2496. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

• 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. Refreshments served.

• ~Dec. 4th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

• 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 or Debbie Smith (902) 940-2496.

• 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. -7-

• 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@upeu . 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" to be held at Central Queens United Church, 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. 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.

-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

- November 28th -- Monday, -- 7:30 p.m. -- Christmas Concert on at Winsloe United Church. This is the only Christmas Concert that Dino and the Harmonies will perform in 2016 and it features Dino Dunsford, Keila Glydon and Rita Watts and the backup band of Brian Knox, Hertz Godkin and Judy Lowe. The concert is made up of some of the most favorite Christmas songs like *Silent Night*, *O Holy Night*, and *Mary Did You Know*. This is a fundraiser for the church which is wheel-chair accessible and offers plenty of parking. There will be a light lunch served. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door with doors opening at 6:30.

- 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.

- Dec. 1st – Thursday – 7 p.m. -- The 13th Annual Community of Hunter River Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on at the Dr. Kent G. Ellis Heritage Park. There will be music, refreshments, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and don't forget the fireworks. This event is kindly sponsored by the Community of Hunter River, Keir's Overhead Doors, McGrath Electric and the Hunter River PharmaChoice. Weather Date for this event is Monday, December 5th.

- 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:902-658-2009).

- Dec. 3rd -- Saturday -- 9 – 12 noon -- Summerside Presbyterian Church will be holding a Bake Sale.

- Dec 3rd & Dec. 4th -- "Home for Christmas" - A Musical Playfor 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.

- Dec. 4th – Sunday – 2 p.m. -- Summerside Presbyterian Church will be holding a Christmas Concert, featuring Kendall Docherty . Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Please join us for an afternoon of wonderful holiday entertainment.

- 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

- Dec. 9th & 10th – Friday & Saturday – Summerside Presbyterian Church will be hosting "A Walk Through Bethlehem" again this year. This opportunity to view various Nativity Scenes. Cookies and cider will be served. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to SPC General Fund and Haiti Disaster Relief.

- 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.