

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
December 13, 2020 – 10:30 am  
Third Sunday in Advent - Joy

Central Queens' Mission Statement

*Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship, we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.*

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Quiet Preparation for Worship

\*Introit                      Prepare the Way of the Lord                      VU #10

\*Call to Worship

Joy to the world!  
**Jesus the Christ is come.**

We look for the Christ to come again,  
in words and ways of hope.  
**Joy to the world!**

Joy to the world!  
**Jesus the light has come.**

We look for the Christ to come again,  
in words and ways of peace.  
**Joy to the world!**

Joy to the world!  
**Jesus the Christ has come.**

We look for the Christ to come again,  
in words and ways of love!  
**Joy to the world!**

Joy to the world!  
**Jesus, the Living Water has come.**

We look for the Christ to come again,  
restoring hope, peace, joy and love.  
**Joy to the world!**

As we come and worship, may we find joy  
in our hearts, in our minds and in our actions.  
Come with joy and worship our God.

Advent Candle Lighting -- Joy

**Voice 1:**                      Uncontainable, irrepressible, bubbling up in an  
explosion of energy.

**Voice 2:**                      What the weary long for, what our children often  
embody, what makes the divine smile -- joy.

**Voice 1:**                      It cannot be paid for, but is a priceless treasure.

**Voice 2:**                      As we hope for your arrival, as we pray  
for peace in your living, as we wait and  
watch and wonder how you might reveal  
yourself to us, God give us joy in your Advent.

*Three Candles are lit*

**Voice 1:**                      Let us pray: Joy is not a commodity that can be  
bought or sold but lives deep in the human spirit.  
Help us to hear that truth and believe it. Enable us  
to let go of what our consumer culture says will  
bring us joy --- money, success, a scramble to the  
top. Help us hear the call of John the Baptist to  
turn around and begin again. God of love, we were  
made in joy. May we live joy into our lives. Amen

**We light a candle for joy. May it light the way.**

**\*Hymn**

People Look East

VU #9

**Prayer of Approach**

Long expected One,  
branch of Jesse's Tree,  
Star child,  
come.  
Come to our hearts.  
Come to our homes.  
Come to our lives.  
Change us for you,  
so that the whole world will hear  
glad tidings of great joy  
because we cannot hold it in. <sup>i</sup>

*With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer . . .*

**Responsive Psalm 126**

VU #850

**\*Hymn**

I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV #48

**All God's Children**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

The people you call to live in harmony with all creation caused  
rivers to stop flowing.

The people you call to love each other silence shouts of joy.

The people you call to remember the poor forget the least in  
the community.

The people you call to follow your way of love, compassion and  
kindness, have turned away from you.

We are those people, God, and we ask for restored hearts that  
listen to your call and follow.

*Silence*

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory**

In the Bleak Midwinter

VU #55 vs 4

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

The prayers we offer,  
the gifts we give,  
are like seeds sown in trust  
that God's love will water these seeds  
and bring new life, hope and joy to those who weep. Amen

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Readings**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn**

Once in Royal David's City

VU #62

**\*Blessing**

**Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace

VU #964

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

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**Warm Welcome to All** – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper.

### Life and Work of Our Church

**Greg's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Registration for Church Services:** Registration is **required**. Masks are **required** while attending church. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca). If you are registering **after Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

**Sunday Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page if our church service is cancelled.

**Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

**FundScrip** –The first order date for 2021 is Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. Added to the program is Lululemon at 3%. November & December Promotions: Winners/Homesense – 8%, Sally – 12%, Esso – 3%, Swiss Chalet/Montanas – 10%, La Vie en Rose – 11%.

**Food Bank** –Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

**Bulletin Deadline** – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**Central Queens Emmaus Walkers** – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. We will meet at the Dr. Kent G. Ellis Memorial Park. All are welcome.

**Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please have all reports in to Trudy by January 11<sup>th</sup>. You can email them to her at [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> Written by Kate Crawford. Gathering, Advent / Christmas / Epiphany 200602007, page 28.