

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
December 20, 2020 – 10:30 am  
Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love

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**

God comes to us in the cry of a child:  
**let every heart prepare a welcome.**

God comes to us in the whisper of a loving mother:  
**let every heart prepare an embrace.**

God comes to us, abides in us:  
**let every heart prepare to receive the Christ.**  
Let us worship the God who has come, who is here and who will come again.

**Advent Candle Lighting – Love**

**Voice 1:**                      Let your light shine. Let your spirit soar. Throw open your mind. Hand over your heart. Here it comes - love!

**Voice 2:**                      It shines in the darkness. It sings in the shadows. It will not cower and cannot be contained.

**Voice 1:**                      It was the hope of the saints, the call of the prophets. It was fire in the belly of the Baptist and the courage of mother Mary.

**Voice 2:**                      Lamp in the shadow, beacon on the hill, star in the night sky. Love, you lead us home.

*Four Candles are lit*

**Voice 1:**                      On this 4th Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for love.

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

**\*Hymn**                              Come Touch Our Hearts                              MV #12

**Prayer of Approach**

**O wondrous God,  
send your Messenger to us today with a word of grace.  
If we are fearful, move us to confidence.  
If we are weary, offer us rest.  
If we are empty, fill us with hope.  
We have been searching for you from far away;  
let us find you at home in our midst,  
changing hearts and minds  
urging us to join your work of love.  
We pray in the name of the One who is coming,  
Jesus, the Christ.**

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

**Song of Mary** (Luke 1:47-55)

VU #898

**Listening for the Word**

**\*Hymn**

What Child is This

VU #74

**All God's Children**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

**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**

God of love and joy, God of peace and hope, we are so grateful for these Advent gifts. They bring comfort and courage even in the most challenging times. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love. Bless them with your grace so that they will bring love to those who need it. Bless our lives, too, so we will shine with your love, blessing others in the name of Jesus, our friend and Guide. Amen

**Sacred Readings**

**2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn**

O Ancient Love

VU #17

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

**Ministers**

All of us

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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.

**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%.

**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 the office by January 11<sup>th</sup>. You can email them to her at [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).