

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
December 26, 2021 – 10:30 am**

First Sunday after Christmas

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy: For to you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!

Jesus has arrived in grace and mystery, renewing our hopes, announcing peace to a weary world.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those who find favour with God.

Jesus comes among us in power and glory to inspire fresh Christmas joy and calls us to lives that are full of God's love.

Jesus, the light of the world is born.

Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our lives. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our world.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Opening Prayer

God of mystery and manger, as we celebrate Christmas, open our hearts to your love so that your Good News is not just an old familiar story but a fresh truth lived out in our lives every day, through the grace of Jesus our Christ. Amen

Reading: Luke 2:1-7 – Listen first to how Luke tells the Christmas Story

Carol Silent Night, Holy Night VU #67

The Dreamer

Monologue – Young Joseph

Carol Away in a Manger VU #69

Christmas Story

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Monologue – Now Joseph Speaks from Experience

Poem “Getting to the Front of the Stable”

Carol What Child is This? VU #74

Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

Offering

Offertory Invitation

Offertory God, We See What You Have Given Tune VU #260

God, we see what you have given;
Signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven –
Gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty,
Called to give as we've received;
And your blessings have been plenty
From the day we first believed.
Author: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

O God, we don't have gold and frankincense in our pockets but we offer to you what we have to share.

Bless the gifts we give this season so that they may bring the love of the Christ Child into the cold and dark places in the world. And bless our lives, too.

May we become the gift that others need because we have seen the wonder of your love in Jesus on this holy night. Amen

Carol The First Noel VU #91

Reading: Matthew 2:12-14

Monologue – Old Joseph Reflects

Poem “Getting to the Front of the Stable”

Pastoral Prayer

Carol Joy to the World VU #59

Blessing

* Please stand as you are able

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Oscar Lajeunesse. Lovingly remembered by Lois Lajeunesse and family. Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Elbert Orr. Lovingly remembered by the Orr family.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12pm. 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 for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674. Masks are **required**.

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.

Scent-Free – “No scents make good sense.” Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products, you are asked not to use scented products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

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 2022 is Sunday, January 9th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20th, at 7 pm.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30th. Deadline for reports is **Wednesday, January 12th**. Please email them to office@cquc.ca.

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.

Camp Abegweit Endowment Fund – The Camp Abegweit Endowment Fund has almost reached its goal of \$500,000.00! Donations and pledges of about \$15,000 should put the Fund at its objective. Please consider a donation of any size to this cause. Donations can be sent c/o Linda Durdle, PO Box 632, Kensington PE, COB 1M0 and marked "Camp Abegweit Endowment Fund". Thank you.



Twas the night after Christmas, and all through the house.
All the creatures were stirring, but thankfully not a mouse.

The gifts had been opened with presents and toys,
And the kids were all playing with wildness and noise.

The wrappings and gifts were strewn round the tree:
So many things there, no floor could I see.
The sounds all around me led me to believe
That all of us were ready some sleep to receive.

There were sounds of Legos, doll play, and games,
While I also heard one call another one names.
When I went to inspect, I tripped over the mess;
And when asked "Can I have more candy, Mom?" I answered, "I guess."

I sat down and surveyed the chaotic scene,
And I wondered if we'd lost sight of what it all means.
But I saw a sad sibling getting hugged by another,
And I saw them having fun and playing with each other.

Surrounded by all of the candy and toys,
We're trying to teach them of permanent joys.
We're trying to put away all of the mounds of stuff,
And teach them that Jesus is more than enough.

I know in my heart that this lesson isn't taught
In one day of celebration or one Advent Wreath bought.
It's taught in the lives we live out day by day,
In the way that we choose to live, work, and play.

The choice to glorify God, to live lives in His praise,
Is one that we must choose to make each of our days.

My desire is for my children to know
That it's not just on Christmas Day we can our love for God show.

And so as we end our celebrations for this year,
The message for myself and for my children to hear
Is that we can ever seek to love God with our behavior
Because all year long He's our Lord and our Savior.

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