

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 10, 2021 – 10:30 am
First Sunday Of Epiphany
The Baptism of Jesus

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

*Introit Come All You People MV #2 x3

*Call to Worship

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

God said, "Let there be a dome to separate the waters!"

And there was sky.

God said, "Let there be land and earth and vegetation!"

And there was all manner of trees and fruits.

Come and worship the God who speaks the words of creation.

We come ---

to receive those creative words

and to be made new! ¹

¹ Written by Kate Crawford. **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2020-2021, page 43. Used with permission.

Hymn Let There be Light VU #679

Prayer of Approach

Water of life, present at the creation of the universe.

Water of life, present at our birth.

Water of life, present at the baptism of Jesus.

Water of life, present at our own baptisms.

We remember that at these times, not only was there water, but also the voice of God was experienced and felt speaking to us.

God, Water of Life, we come this morning to be

filled with your living water and to listen for your voice. ²

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

Psalm 29 VU #756

Hymn Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands VU #570

All God's Children

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Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The Holy Voice is over the waters

**but when the waters are rough
our fear can beat a rhythm louder
then the pulsating of the Spirit.**

The Holy Voice is powerful

**but voices of desire, comfort, success and power
call to us seductively and persuasively,
and we turn from God.**

The Holy Voice flashes forth flames of fire,
to light our path, and warm our hearts,
but there are times when we
prefer the shadows,
when we prefer to linger in the cold of night.

Kyrie Eleison VU #945

Assurance of God's Love

Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory What Can I Do? MV #191

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

We have heard the Holy Voice calling to us,
as God called to Jesus.
We respond as we are able,
and offer these gifts and ourselves as we speak and act your
message of love into the world. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1:4-11

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Introduction

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your Baptism?

I do.

Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

I do.

Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

I do

Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your
spirit each day?

I do.

Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in
God?

I do.

In renewing your baptismal vows,
remember your baptism as a mark of acceptance
and welcome into the care of Christ's church
where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

Prayer

O God, we rejoice in your love, given and received.
We thank you that you claim us,
that you wash us, strengthen us and guide us,
that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.
In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.
Establish us to be places of refreshment.
Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people, we
may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that
our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.

*Hymn Spirit God, Be Our Breath MV #150

*Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us
Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**
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9 am – 12 pm
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Ministry of Music **Kirk Neville**
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Church Office

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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Herb Schnurr, father of Mo Prouse. Lovingly remembered by Mo Prouse and family.

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 for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Masks **are required**. 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.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is now step 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 2021 is today, January 10th. Next order date will be January 24th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, at 7 pm at the church.

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 24th. Deadline for reports is **tomorrow, January 11th**. Please email them to 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.

"Bookworms United" – We hope that January will bring us face to face again for our next meeting. The next book we are reading is "Anxious People" by Frederik Backman. (There are lots of copies available in Indigo right now if anyone is looking for a copy.) Come join us for some lively discussion on this book on Thursday, January 28th, at 10:30 am at the church. All are welcome!

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.