Central Queens Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada November 21, 2021 – 10:30 am Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Reign of Christ Sunday

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.

We Gather Around the Bonfire

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

*Introit Gather Us In MV #7 x3

*Call to Worship

Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass,

God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.

Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.

Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.

We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.

Come then, let us greet and worship our God who comes to us.

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Approach

Almighty God,

from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

Your reign is in our midst, God of all people.

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

*Responsive Psalm 132:1-12, 13-18 Parts 1 & 2

VU #854-855

VU #333

*Hymn You are Holy MV #45

All God's Children

*Hymn You are Holy MV #45

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Love Is the Touch MV #89 vs 1

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

2 Samuel 23:1-7 John 18:33-37

May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder, as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Bring Many Names VU #268

*Blessing

As you leave this place, go with God.

We will go into the world discovering God is waiting for us.

We will depart to serve, go with Christ.

We will not turn back from following Jesus into every corner of the world.

As you live the coming days, go with the Spirit.

And now, as we are held, may we go forth to hold others in the name of the Redeemer, Sustainer and Spirit. Amen

*Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace

Postlude

* 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.

Sympathies are extended to Bernie Dykerman, Gerald Dykerman and families on the loss of their mother, Ann Dykerman.

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

Scent-Free – "No scents makes 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.

Roast Beef Fall Supper profited \$8392.28. Thank you everyone for another successful fundraising event.

FundScrip –Next order date will be November 28th. You can reach Janet by email (ihowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted. The promotions for November and December are: Swiss Chalet/Montana's - 10%; Winner's/Homesense - 8%; Boston Pizza - 10%; Shell - 3%; Staples - 4%; Old Navy/Gap - up to 9%; Giant Tiger - 5%.

A Walk on the Wild Side – Would you like to learn more Uppity Women of the Bible? Join Greg in the church parlour on Thursday mornings at 10 am for a seven-week journey as you explore the first uppity woman – Ruth!!

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. Be sure to check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

Bookworms United will discuss <u>The Rose Code</u> by Kate Quinn on Wednesday, December 1st, in the church parlour. All welcome! Contact Liz Spangler for more information.

Youth Forum – General Council 44 is coming up, and with that, comes the opportunity for youth between the ages of 15-19 to participate in Youth Forum! Home Group Leaders are also needed! Each region can send 4 participants to the event which takes place throughout the year. It is also an opportunity for employment! For more information on this or on how to access the application, please contact Rev. Catherine Stuart at cstuart@united-church.ca or call 1-800-268-3781 ext 6158.

Gifts with Vision are an opportunity for you to make a difference in someone's life. The Gifts with Vision catalogue and website are full of gifts that make a difference in people's lives throughout Canada and across the world. If you are searching for ways to help people whose lives are being significantly disrupted by COVID-19, both here in Canada and across the world, there are several online gifts that are directly related to challenges surrounding COVID-19. Each Gift with Vision provides support for specific Mission & Service partners for special projects. Select gifts online at giftswithvision.ca and help save and transform lives!

Community News

Fiddlers' Sons at Park Royal United Church – Award winning Prince Edward Island folk music group, Fiddlers' Sons, will play Park Royal United Church, Sunday afternoon, December 5th, from 2 pm - 4 pm. The band features storyteller, author and three-time Music PEI Male Vocalist of the Year Eddy Quinn, singer songwriter and guitarist John B. Webster, and fiddling veterinarian Dr. Courtney Hogan-Chandler. Together the group plays a mix of Island music at its best with lots of toe-tapping tunes, local stories, heartfelt ballads and a few laughs for good measure. For this special Christmas concert, they will feature some music from Courtney's Christmas album "Oh Holy Night", along with some of their favorite seasonal songs. Eddy Quinn will also feature some stories from his recently released book *Island Characters Volume* 2. There will be a fudge sale at intermission, and books and CD's will be available for sale from the performers. COVID 19 Vax passes, picture ID's and masks are required. For more information and to order tickets at \$15/person, please call the Church Office at 902-894-9656.

The 11th annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will be taking place on December 3-5th from 5:30 to 8 pm at the home of Chrys and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Rte 19 in Canoe Cove. There will be live animals, lots of lights, shepherds, kings, angels, Joseph, Mary, a Christmas choir. On Saturday there will also be drummers. Freewill donations will be accepted for the Lennon Recovery House - a recovery home on Prince Edward Island for those battling with addictions and their mental health available to Islanders that provides a safe, reliable home for those ready to get their life back.

Christmas Trees – Due to a Christmas tree plantation that needs thinning for a rider-way and wildlife, a lot of Christmas trees will be cut during December. If interested, you can collect one on any Saturday afternoon in December. They are free. Call David at 783-377-4203 to arrange pick up.

Stratford Community Choir Concert featuring Autumn and Christmas music, will be held on December 12th at 2:30 pm at Park Royal United Church. Tickets: \$15/adult; \$20/family available at the door or from choir members. All CPHO protocols will be followed. Masks and Vax Pass required.

27th **Annual Hospice PEI's Let Their Light Shine** will once again be able to take place this year in various locations including the Charlottetown Mall for the month of December on Mondays – Saturdays from 10 am – 8 pm and Sundays from 12 – 5 pm. Also, at the Summerside Superstore from November 22nd – December 5th on Mondays – Saturdays from 10 am – 6 pm and Sundays from 12 – 6 pm. Grieving the loss of a loved one is always hard during the holidays, but even more so due to the pandemic. This year, the Memory Forest will be dedicated to all those who have lost a loved one throughout these past 20 months.

I LOOKED FOR GOD

I looked for God to be revealed. I thought Now will some wondrous miracle be wrought; Some mystic sign will surely now appear To prove beyond a doubt that God is near. But life went on in much the usual way; Familiar homely tasks absorbed each day. No mystical experience was mine; No evidence of miracle divine. But, gradually, with heart alert to see, His signs in simple things were shown to me. I saw Him in my house, fresh-cleaned and bright; I saw Him in my sleeping child at night. I felt Him kneel beside me in my garden; At close of day I knew His peace and pardon. I looked for God and found Him all about -No miracle – just peace replacing doubt. By: Helen Lowrie Marshall

