

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
January 2, 2022 – 10:30 am

Epiphany 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.*

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

\*Introit As with Gladness Men of Old VU #81 vs 1

\*Call to Worship

New every morning is your love, O God,

**And life is the gift you give to us.**

We ask now at the beginning of a new year, to ask your blessing on the days that are ours and yours.

**Call us into the future of hope as we worship you this day.**

*(written by Bob Root, Gathering Christmas 2006)*

Hymn Hope Is a Star VU #7 vs 1, 2 & 3

Prayer of Approach

**God of the old and the new, be with us in this New Year as you were in the old.**

**Guide our journey,  
Strengthen our faith.**

**Draw us together as people who follow your ways.**

*(Written by Beth Johnson, Gathering Christmas 2001)*

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 147:12-20 Part Two VU #869-870

\*Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

\* Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 3 & 4

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, there are miracles all around us.

**The sun rises every day, and its light sends the darkness into hiding.**

The world sleeps in the winter but comes to life again every spring.

**That we are born into this world to grow and change through the seasons of life is a miracle.**

We take these and so many more miracles for granted.

**Forgive our blindness and open our eyes to see the wonder of your love in the world around us and in the smile of a friend.**

**Amen.**

*(Written by Dianne Astle, Gathering Summer/Autumn 2011)*

*(Silent Reflection)*

*Silence*

## Assurance of God's Love

### Presentation of Our Gifts

#### Offertory Invitation

#### Offertory

#### \*Presentation of Offering

#### \*Offertory Prayer

Loving God, for centuries kings and queens, rich and poor have come before you bringing gifts. Today is our turn, and our gifts are here before you. Accept these gifts we pray, in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen

### Listening for the Word

#### Sacred Word

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

#### Anthem

#### Sermon

#### Reflective Music

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn                      The First Nowell                      VU #91

#### \*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction                      A Light Is Gleaming                      VU #82

## Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

**Ministers**                      All of us

**Clergy**                              **Rev Greg Davis**

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### **Church Office**

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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.

**Thank you** – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Carol Pippy for leading our worship service this morning.

### 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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**In-Church Services:** Registration is **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email [office@cquc.ca](mailto: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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** – The first order date for 2022 is Sunday, January 9<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.

**Official Board Meeting** will be held on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.

**Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for reports is **Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please email them to [office@cquc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **A Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany**

I wonder sometimes  
If one of the stars that lit Abraham’s night  
Was the one that led the Magi to Jesus.  
A dark canvas speckled by the most generous brush –  
What an improbable promise to an old man.  
But our God has never been daunted by the unlikely, the impossible.  
What a sight for the Magi, too.  
A baby resting on hay, his cries mingled with braying and bleating.  
I like to think they heard in those everyday sounds a holy chorus,  
Saw in that noisy tableau a Creator serenaded by His creation,  
All if it embodied, enfleshed –  
All of it good.  
And when we’ve left our gifts for this implausible King,  
May we, like the Magi, go home by another way –  
Having encountered the holy,  
May we protect it, guard it,  
Trail its light behind us wherever we go.  
A sacred arc transposed from heaven to earth,  
May we ourselves become the star,  
Leading the way to Emmanuel.  
Amen.  
*By: Cameron Bellm*