

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 9, 2022 – 10:30 am

The Baptism of the Lord

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 Oh a Song Must Rise MV #142 (Chorus)

*Call to Worship

Come, and let us listen for the voice of God.

We hear God's voice in the water!

Water is cleansing and refreshing.

Water reminds us of our connectedness to Christ.

Baptism clears a way for new life.

Baptism is a reminder that we are God's people who are joined with all creation.

Let us worship the God of new life, new beginnings.

Hymn Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395

Prayer of Approach

From the formless water God created life and called it good.

In the water of the River Jordan, John baptized Jesus, the source of living water.

Christ invites all who are thirsty to come and drink.

Baptism with water is a symbol of our life with and in Christ.

It reminds us that we are to welcome all to the living water.

As we gather today, we are invited once again to prepare our hearts and minds to drink the living water. Amen

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 29

VU #756

*Hymn Draw the Circle Wide MV #145 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

* Hymn Draw the Circle Wide MV #145 vs 3

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Each of us are deeply loved by God, but it is so very hard to live that kind of love!

We do try, but often we fail to share unconditional love with all.

In the gift of water, the ritual of baptism, God reminds us that we can begin anew.

Even if we totally muck up, we know that God sets before us right paths.

God knows and loves us; we are God's beloved.

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of God's Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering What Can I Do MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

El Shaddai, Yahweh, Jehovah, Adonai: your name is music and meaning. You have named us as well, and our names not only identify us, but hold the key to our true identities. Help us to be worthy of the name you have given us: beloved, be love, Christ followers, God's children. May our small gifts do your work of love and care throughout our world-wide community. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

*Hymn River Running in You and Me MV #163

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV #115

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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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.

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: Due to rising numbers of COVID cases, there will be no in-church worship services until at least January 23rd. Please check Facebook or our website for when we will be able to have in-church services again.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. To place an order, contact Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). The next order date will be Sunday, January 23rd. 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.

Bookworms United is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 26th, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. Please stay tuned as to whether we will be able to meet in person or, perhaps, by Zoom. The book that will be discussed is **The Splendid and the Vile** by Erik Larsen.

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.

PEACE by: B.J. Hoff

Peace is not a smooth, untroubled river beneath a sunlit sky,
serene and warm . . .

The peaceful heart is like a trusting songbird who clings to hope and
sings throughout the storm.

Lord...

Your love is the branch of hope I cling to.

In the rising tide, in the restless wind, in the gathering storm,
You are my peace.

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in You.” Isaiah 26:3