

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
February 19, 2023 – 10:30 am

Transfiguration 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 Be Still and Know MV #77 x 3

*Call to Worship

Let the Mystery of God draw us in:

Beautiful, Just, Merciful!

Let the Wisdom of God surprise us:

Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!

Let the Glory of God shine through our work:

Salty, Bright and Good!

In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God;

Let us worship!

*Hymn Deep in Our Hearts MV #154

Prayer of Approach

Wonderful God, we gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of faithful people. Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths that we may begin to glimpse your grace: what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived – all you have prepared for those who love you. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 99 *God Delights in Justice* VU #819

*Hymn We Are Marching VU #646

All God's Children

*Hymn We Are Marching VU #646

Children may retire to Sunday School

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice: when we forget the fast you desire – to do justice, and stand up for the powerless: Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the prayer you love – to show compassion, and care for those in need: Christ have mercy.

When we forget the rituals you require – to create relationships of righteousness and peace: Christ have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison VU #945

Assurance of God's Love

Halle, Halle, Halle

VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering What Can I Do MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9 *Jesus Transfigured on the Mountain*

Anthem

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn This Little Light of Mine (on the screen)

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Go in Love

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you have 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 Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away from February 17th until February 27th. David Butterworth will be leading us in worship next Sunday, February 26th.

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: Masks are recommended but not required.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, March 5th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

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.

Church Calendar Fund-Raiser – We have a few extra calendars this year. Anyone interested in having one can pick them up at the church office. Cost is \$10 each.

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during church office hours in the wooden box at the church entrance.

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

Scent-Free – “No scents make good sense”
Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

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.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers is on pause. Stay tuned for when they will resume.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women’s organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Puzzle Exchange – There is a cart in the foyer with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful winter activity.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh on Sunday, February 19th, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guest Tanner Gaudet and guest drummer Billy Matthews. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Interested in Working at the Provincial Election? The District #15 Returning Officer is looking for people who may be interested in working at the provincial election anticipated in early Spring 2023. If interested, please email d15roepei@gmail.com or call Beth at 902-330-3209.

TRANSFIGURATION - *By: Margot Krebs Neale*
For that one moment, “in and out of time”,
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were not angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.