

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 11, 2024 – 10:30 am**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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 Together

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Bible Presentation (Placed during the Introit)

***Introit** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

We come to this time and this place seeking the one who will remember us in our times of trouble. How long, O God will you forget your children?

In the midst of our struggling and our striving, we come to find relief from our burdens.

How long, O God, shall the hard times triumph in our lives?

In God we find rest and relief. In God we are reminded of hope.

Let us worship God who is present with us even now.

Opening Prayer

In your light and your love, we stand this day, O God. Entering into your Holy Presence, we humbly bring forth our brokenness and our longings for wholeness knowing that your Spirit of healing freely moves in our lives. But we also acknowledge that there are times where the shadows of despair and the darkness of our trials seem all consuming, where we close our eyes to escape our struggles and in doing so close our eyes to your light as well. Help us to stand against the enemies of fear, hopelessness, and helplessness. Help us to stand in your love. Remind us that nothing can separate us from that love, no matter how hard or bad things get. Hear us, O God, as we cry out to you, as we long for you, as we pray to you in the strong name of your son and our Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

VU #626

Theme Conversation What Can We Day to God?

Prayer of Illumination & Understanding

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to our souls. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. **AMEN**

Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Scripture

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Responsive Reading – Psalm 130

John 6:35, 41-51

VU #853

Special Music

Sermon

“The Bread of Life”

Invitation to Our Offering

*Offertory Dedication Hymn Doxology

VU #541

*Presentation of Offering

*Prayer of Dedication

Even in those hardest of times, we can see the abundance that has been poured out in your love. Receive in return a portion of that bounty, bless all that we give and all that we are. In the sharing of these gifts of time, talent, and treasure may we be reminded of the part that we play in creation and encouraged by your constant presence. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Christ, our companion on the way. AMEN

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

VU #651

Sending Forth

Commissioning

Faith restored is trust renewed.

Our hearts sing of God's mercy. Our souls sing of Christ's salvation. Our very lives move by the breath of the Spirit.

We will praise God through trials and triumphs, because God's love never ends. God's presence is assured.

*Changing of the Light

*Benediction

Now go with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hand, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you've heard this day. **AMEN**

*Choral Benediction

Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away until September 3rd. For emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

David Butterworth will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 18th.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, August 18th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Service will be this Thursday, August 15th, at 6:30 pm. The Elders will be leading the service.

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 Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. For tickets (\$35), please call Lois at 902-621-0669. Tickets are going fast!!

Team Nights

Thursday, September 12th – Team 1
Friday, September 13th – Team 2
Saturday, September 14th – Team 3
Set Up and Take Down – Team 4

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Camp Abby is need of some mason jars for the Arts and Crafts program. If you could donate any, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193.

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

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

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

Puzzle/Book Exchange – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

Pop Can Pull Tabs – The funds from your pull tabs go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in hospital. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Gospel Concert on Sunday, August 25th, at 7 pm. Featuring Dino and the Harmonies with special guest Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.