

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
February 25, 2024 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday in Lent

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

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

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the quiet time*)

*Introit Don't Be Afraid MV #90

*Call to Worship

Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

What does the call require?

Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross. Aligning our soul with God's.

We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our life to save it.

Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid.

In our worship, may we breath in God's Spirit.

And as we leave, live out the ways of God.

*Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

Prayer of Approach

O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at great expense to our spiritual values. Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion. Teach us about Jesus' way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed. You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying and embracing your way with courage. May it be so.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 22: 23 - 31 VU #746, 3 & 4

*Hymn Jesus Talked to Children #41 All God's Children Sing V.1&2

All God's Children

Hymn Jesus Talked to Children V. 3

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, like Peter, sometimes we think we know best. We make our own attempts to save ourselves and others from the cross filled path you have called us to walk. Help us to get behind you, because it has become easier to rely upon ourselves rather than on your strength and presence. Grant us grace and help us to let go of our need for control so that you and your way might be out guide and path forward. Amen.

Words of Grace

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory We Give Our Thanks MV #187

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross, and to follow. May the sharing of these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 - 16

Mark 8: 31 - 38

Anthem The Lord Is My Shepherd Walter Carver, Ellen Davis
Cindy Easter, Malcolm Laine

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn Take Up Your Cross VU #561

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** Throughout These Lenten Days and Night
VU #108 v. 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Bulletins: Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of Denis Lajeunesse (February 25, 2015) by Lois, Robin, Lynne, Paula and families

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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9 am – 12 pm

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 – To complement our puzzle exchange, we now have a library where you can share books. Be sure to check it out! Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own favorites to share!! The puzzle exchange is located in the main lobby and the book exchange is located in the main hall.

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.

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.

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 today, February 18th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Sunday School has resumed. If you would like **FundScrip** is an important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

Election of Elders – Each year, four elders retire and four new elders are elected by you on or before Sunday, March 5th, 2024. Election box and ballots are in the foyer.

We Have the Victory

God’s heavenly chorus
Proclaims before us
That Jesus Christ is Lord!
Forever is He.
Before history,
All things were made by His Word.
From lowest of depths
To highest of heights,
And breadth of land and sea,
The songs are sung
Of the battle He won.
We have the Victory!
--Mike Shugart--