

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
January 21, 2024 – 10:30 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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 singing of the Introit*)

\*Introit                      Will You Come and Follow Me                      VU #567 vs 1

\*Call to Worship

Everlasting God, our souls wait for you.

**You are our Mighty Rock. We will not be shaken.**

Everlasting God, our souls wait for you.

**You are our hope. We place our trust in you.**

Everlasting God, our souls wait for you.

**You are our refuge. We rest in your abiding love.**

Come, let us worship God.

\*Hymn                      I Have Called You by Name                      MV #161

Prayer of Approach

**God of Many Seasons, we enter into your presence with joy and thanksgiving. We acknowledge all the ways that you meet us as we gather in your name. May our songs and prayers be a sweet sound in your ears. May we demonstrate our trust in you through both praise and lament. May our hearts yearn, our spirits stir, and our souls wait in holy hope and expectation. Amen.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 62:5-12                      VU #779

\*Hymn                      Teach Me, God, to Wonder                      VU #299 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn                      Teach Me, God, to Wonder                      VU #299 vs 3 & 4

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering    We Will Take What You Offer    MV #196

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Eternal God, magnify these gifts that we return in gratitude and for your glory. Amen

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Scripture**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Mark 1:14-20

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Responding to the Word**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

. . . . God, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

**\*Hymn** River Running in You and Me MV #163

**Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction** Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

**Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

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

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.



**Bookworms United** – The first meeting of Bookworms United will be this Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. The book that will be discussed will be “The Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman. If you wish to have a copy, please see Joan D. Bernard.

**Sunday School** has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca). Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

**Church Calendar Fund-raiser** – We have a few extra calendars available. Anyone interested in having one can pick them up in the Church office. Cost: \$10 each.

**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](mailto: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.

**Annual Meeting** – The Annual Meeting will next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service. Thank you to all for submitting your reports. Copies of the annual reports are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**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.

**Thank You** to everyone who donated so generously to the Mitten Tree. The children and staff at the local schools will be very gratefully for this wonderful gift.

**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](mailto: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.

### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosted by Jacinta MacDonald. Special guests: The Langille Boys. Also featuring guest drummer and vocalist Billy Matthews and Steven Perry and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

### I COME TO MEET YOU

I come to meet You, God, and as I linger here

I seem to feel You very near.

A rustling leaf, a rolling slope

Speak to my heart of endless hope.

The sun just rising in the sky,

The waking birdlings as they fly,

The grass all wet with morning dew

Are telling me I just met You.

And gently thus the day is born

As night give way to breaking morn,

And once again I’ve met You, God,

And worshipped on Your holy sod.

For who could see the dawn break through

Without a glimpse of heaven and You?

For who but God could make the day

And softly put the night away?

*By: Helen Steiner Rice*