

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

August 24, 2025 – 10:30 am

Eleventh 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.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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.

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** His Name is Wonderful

***Call to Worship**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

***Call to Worship (Continued)**

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Amen. Christ, have mercy.

***Hymn**

Love Lifted Me

Opening Prayer

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me. Christ, as a shield overshadow me. Christ under me; Christ over me; Christ beside me on my left and my right. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Be in the heart of each to whom I speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek, yet all-powerful. Christ as a light; Christ as a shield; Christ beside me on my left and my right.

All God's Children

***Hymn**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

VU #703

Call to Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

Assurance of God's Love

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Offertory Prayer

From the beauty of your world, we offer our humble gifts. May they be used as a blessing unto others wherever need exists. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Responsive Reading – Psalm 103:1-8 (VU #825)

Luke 13:10-17

Anthem

He Will Hold Me Fast

CQ Musical Friends

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers followed by The Lord's Prayer

***Blessing**

Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal, ever-blessed, gracious God: to me, the least of saints, to me

***Blessing** (Continued)

allow that I may keep a door in Paradise; that I may keep even the smallest door, the furthest door, the darkest, coldest door, the door that is least used, the stiffest door, if so it be but in Your house, O God! If so it be that I can see Your glory, even afar, and hear Your voice, O God! And know that I am with You, You, my God.

***Hymn** This Is the Day VU #421

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Peace is Flowing Like a River

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. 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 to thank Rev. David Butterworth for leading our worship service this morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Thank You to Christine Belanger and the CQ Musical Friends for their beautiful gift of music this morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg will be away from August 4th – September 6th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 31st.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, August 31st, are:

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Proverbs 25:6-7; Sirach 10:12-18
Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (*VU #794*); Psalm 112 (*VU #799*)
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, August 31st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for August are Walmart - 3.5% and Indigo - 7%.

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.

Corn Boil – After the worship service today, we will be hosting a corn boil. Corn on the cob with butter and salt & pepper. We will be eating inside. Everyone is welcome. Bring your best teeth!!
This event is in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United 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.

Camp Abby News – Thank you for all the food donations that you have sent over the summer months; however, we are not in need of any more food items. What we do have a need for is mason jars or regular jars that can be used for our weekly candle lighting ceremonies next summer. When you are cleaning this Fall and find some that you might not be wanting, please let Sharon know (vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca) and she will make arrangements to collect them. We are also in need of a metal two drawer filing cabinet with a lock. If anyone knows of anyone who has one to donate, please contact Alex at alexcorbett@campabby.ca.

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

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.

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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab 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 pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Community News

Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, August 31st, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

Look Up and Live

This business of living was meant to be more
Than plodding along each day
With head bowed down and eyes on the ground
While time ticks the hours away.
God made this world a delightful place
With beauty everywhere –
The grass, the flowers, the trees, the sky,
The tang of clean, fresh air –
A world to be lived in, laughed in, loved,
To be met with joy and zest,
A world with a challenge for each of us
To give it our very best.
This business of living was never meant
As a treadmill sort of thing;
There are rivers to cross, and mountains to climb,
And glorious songs to sing!
By: Helen Lowrie Marshall