

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

January 26, 2025 – 10:30 am

Third 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.

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 Introit*)

***Introit** Born in Human Likeness MV #47 x3

***Call to Worship**

God's Spirit has brought us here to this moment.

We've come to listen and be shaped by God's message of love.

Right now, the past and future come together in this holy moment.

May the same Spirit that worked through Jesus work through us, too.

May God's dream of a world where everyone thrives fill our hearts.

And may we live it out every day!

*Hymn Hark the Glad Sound

VU #29

Listening for the Word

Prayer of Approach

Loving God, pour out your Spirit of Love on us again. Shape our hearts, minds, and lives to share your good news. Renew our passion for your dream of a world where no one is left in need and every burden is lifted. Fill us with courage and compassion to reach out to anyone who's been pushed aside or hurt by life. Bless and strengthen us so we can be a blessing and a source of strength for others. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who showed us your holy vision of love. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 19

VU #740-741

*Hymn We Are One

VU #402 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn We Are One

VU #402 vs 3 & 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

*Offertory In the Bleak Midwinter

VU #55 vs 4

***Offertory Prayer**

We thank you, God, for loving us into the freedom of a generous life. Bless these gifts we bring in response to the blessing you have already given us with the gift of life. Form our lives anew into living offerings, sharing Your love with a grace that frees others. Amen.

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171

***Changing of the Light**

***Benediction**

May the Spirit that anointed Jesus rest upon you and renew you.

May the grace that flowed through Jesus fill and empower you.

May the good news proclaimed by Jesus echo through your words and actions.

And may the world see through you that the time of God's favour is here.

Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen!

*Choral Benediction I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 1

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.

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Roma Boswall. Lovingly remembered by Dale, Anne, and Heather Boswall.

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.

Annual Meeting – Join us for a potluck lunch of sandwiches and sweets after the worship service. The Annual Meeting will follow.

Annual Reports – Copies of the Annual Report are available at the back on the sanctuary.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, February 2nd, are:

Jeremiah 1:4-Before you were formed in the womb, I set you apart.

Psalm 71:1-6 (*VU #789 Part One*) *God is our fortress and sheltering rock.*

I Corinthians 13:1-13 *Love is patient and kind.*

Luke 4:21-30 *Jesus is driven out of Nazareth.*

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, February 2nd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

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.

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.

Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by made on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – We are still looking for someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

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 Ceilidh on Sunday, February 2nd, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guest Kelly Mooney and special comedy act "Sarah" by Barb Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Dinner and Speaker: Tuesday, February 4th, at 5:30 pm. Fazal Malik will be speaking about “scam-proofing yourself on the Internet.” Pay what you can for the meal. Please call the office by noon on February 3rd if you plan to attend. Feel free to bring a friend(s).

Fazil Malik is a trained IT professional with extensive experience in the field. He is well-versed in online security measures and digital

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safety practices. He has honed his public speaking skills through involvement with Toastmasters and has presented on technical and safety-related topics at various public gatherings. He has delivered talks on online and phone safety at various events, effectively communicating critical strategies for staying secure in the digital age.

The program will run for approximately 45 minutes, starting with a brief welcome and introduction. This will be followed by a general overview of online safety, setting the stage for a more detailed presentation. A slideshow will accompany the talk, highlighting key concepts, such as phishing, scamming, and spoofing, along with practical examples of fraudulent activities. Participants will learn to recognize the warning signs of scams and how to protect themselves. The session will conclude with real-life examples, demonstrations of scam tactics, and an interactive Q&A.

Hunter River Helping Hand Program – In order to ensure that food is distributed in a more equitable and consistent manner, the Hunter River Community Fridge has become the Hunter River Helping Hand Program. This program is a monthly food pick up on the second Monday of each month for residents of Hunter River, Greenvale, Brookfield, Rennies Road, New Glasgow, Wheatley River, Hazel Grove, Fredericton and Darlington that register with the program. Your application will be handled with compassion and confidentiality. In order to be eligible for a food pick up in February, registration must be completed by **tomorrow**, January 27th.

Registration for the program can be done Monday-Thursday between 9am and 2pm at the municipal office located in the Hunter River Community Centre at 19816 Route 2. Proof of residence in the service area for each member of the household will be required at the time of registration. Registered users will need to inform the office by the last Monday of each month if they will be requiring assistance the following month.