

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

January 5, 2025 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday after Christmas



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 Introit)*

*Introit A Light Is Gleaming VU #82 (Chorus)

*Call to Worship

Wisdom lifts her voice in praise, proclaiming her glory among her people.

She calls forth worlds and fills the night sky with the brilliance of stars.

Wisdom declares her strength and reveals her power in the presence of her people.

She empowers her children and brings peace to all nations.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

Wisdom lifts her voice in praise, proclaiming her glory among her people.

She offers grace and redemption, unveiling the mysteries of the divine. Praise be to Wisdom!

***Hymn** Arise, Your Light Is Come VU #79

Prayer of Approach

God, you are present with us in all your fullness, affirming every part of our humanity—mind, body, and spirit. In you, we discover joy and fulfillment. In you, we find peace and hope. In you, we rise to embrace a new day and a new way of living. Shape us during this time together so that we may reflect your goodness and your way of life.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 147 *Part One* VU #868-869

***Hymn** The First Nowell VU #91 vs 1-3

All God’s Children

Hymn The First Nowell VU #91 vs 4-6

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Offertory** In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 vs 4

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy One, receive our offerings as gifts of ourselves. Increase the gifts and uplift our generosity to new heights. May our giving bear fruit that sustains, nurtures and feeds a new world into being. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Prayer for Understanding

Jeremiah 31:7-14

John 1:1-18

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

.... our hearts kneel before you, O God;

Receive our humble prayers.

***Hymn** In the Darkness Shines the Splendour VU #92

***Changing the Light**

***Benediction**

***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 Leonard & Ethel Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

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.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, January 12th, are:

Isaiah 43:1-7 *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.*

Psalms 43 *Ascribe to God glory and strength.*

Acts 8:14-17 *Peter and John baptized the converts in Samaria.*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *Jesus is baptized by John.*

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

Sunday 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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, January 19th.

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.

Reports for Annual Report - The deadline for reports is **this Wednesday, January 8th**. Please email them to office@cquc.ca. Thank you.

Official Board Meeting – The next Official Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16th, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 2025. There will be sandwiches and sweets after the worship service; then the meeting will follow that.

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.

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.

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.

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 this afternoon, January 5th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald, with the Winsloe United House Band, welcomes special guest Blake Crockett and guest drummer Todd Gallant. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Mission and Service

This past year, Wesley supported over 1,000 newcomers from Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and other countries.

This is the story of one family of refugees.

Christine is a courageous and resilient mother who has been through unspeakable danger and sorrow to ensure the safety and success of her family. Christine, her children, and her grandchildren can teach us about self-sacrifice, endurance, and dedication to those we love. Initially from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Christine and her family fled to a refugee camp in Zimbabwe after a violent attack in

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their village. They lived through deplorable conditions and danger for ten years before finally being granted asylum in Canada.

When Christine and her family arrived in Canada, they were exhausted and emotionally drained from their long journey and years of unrest. Their first stop was Wesley's Newcomer Reception Centre, where they found support from Wesley staff and a comfortable place to rest. With the help of Wesley's programs and services, the family is rebuilding their lives in the Hamilton region.

Christine's dream for her children and grandchildren is to have a safe and bright future filled with opportunities. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, Wesley can provide supportive programs to newcomers, those experiencing homelessness, addiction and mental health barriers, and local families experiencing poverty.

With your support of Mission and Service, we can change lives.

