

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

August 16, 2026 – 10:30 am

Twelfth 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.*

Central Queens Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada

*"God is with us in every season,
calling us to trust, to love, and to follow."*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a reminder that Christ is our light.

May the light of Christ shine among us and through us.

Acknowledgement of the Land

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We give thanks for the land, for its people, and for all that sustains life. May we seek to live in right relationship with one another, with our neighbours, and with all creation.

***Call to Worship**

Come, people of God, and gather in hope.

We come, trusting that God is with us.

Come with your joys and your burdens.

We bring all that we are before God.

Come, for Christ calls us to live in love.

We open our hearts to God's Spirit.

***Opening Hymn** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU #395

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we gather today as your people, seeking your presence and your wisdom. Open our hearts to your Word. Open our eyes to the needs of the world. Open our hands so that we may serve others with compassion, justice, and love. Remind us that we never walk alone. Where there is fear, give us courage. Where there is sorrow, give us comfort. Where there is division, make us instruments of peace. May our worship today renew our faith and send us into the world, ready to follow Christ. Amen

Scripture Readings

Genesis 45:1-15 *Joseph is reunited with his brothers*

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *God has not rejected the Hebrews*

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28 *A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “We Will Keep Our Faith Alive”

Sermon/Reflection “Faith for the Journey”

Silent Reflection

Hymn “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” VU #400

Our Response to God

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we pray for your church throughout the world.

May we be communities of welcome, compassion, and hope.

We pray for our communities and neighbours. Give wisdom to those who lead, strength to those who serve, and courage to those who work for justice and peace. We pray for those who are struggling, for those who are lonely or grieving, for those who are sick or anxious, and for those whose burdens are known only to you. We remember those we carry in our hearts today. **(silence is kept for personal prayers)** God of love, hear our prayer. We pray for ourselves.

Help us to trust you more deeply, to forgive more freely, to love more generously, and to recognize your presence in the ordinary moments of our lives. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Everything we have is a gift from God. As we offer our gifts today, may they become instruments of love, hope, healing, and service in our community and beyond.

*Offering

*Offertory

“Your Work, O God”

VU #537

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives.

Use what we give to bring hope to those who are discouraged, help to those in need, and love to those who feel forgotten. Teach us to be generous not only with our possessions but also with our time, our gifts, and our compassion. Amen

Going Forth

*Closing Hymn

“Draw the Circle Wide”

MV #145

*Benediction

Go now in the love of God. Go with the grace of Christ. Go with the presence of the Holy Spirit. May you have courage when the road is difficult, faith when the way is uncertain, and love wherever you go. And may you remember: God goes with you. Christ walks beside you. The Spirit lives within you. Go in peace, and serve the Lord with joy.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Choral Benediction

“Don’t Be Afraid”

MV #90

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 Kirk Neville for leading us in worship this morning, and for his beautiful gift of music.

~ Central Queens United Church

*Today’s bulletins are placed in loving memory of **Annabel Schnurr**.
Lovingly remembered by daughter, Mo Prouse.*

Life and Work of Our Church

Emergencies – Please contact Lois Lajeunesse at 902-621-0669 or 902-388-1103 for any church related assistance.

Supply Minister – Eric Lynk and Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 23.

Scripture Readings selected for next Sunday, August 23:

~Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

The baby Moses is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.

~Responsive Reading – Psalm 124 (VU #848)

If God had not been at our side!

~Romans 12:1-8

Present yourselves as a living, holy sacrifice to God.

~Matthew 16:13-20

Who do you say that I am? asks Jesus.

FundScrip – The next order date is August 30. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. The Elders will be leading the service. All are welcome!

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for these events:

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theatre

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre will take place on September 17th, 18th, and 19th. Price is \$40. Team nights: September 17th - team 3; September 18th- team 4; September 19th - team 1; Setup and takedown- team 2.

Ministers	All of us
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Thank you to EVERYONE who helped to make Central Queens Annual Yard Sale a big success!

SAVE THESE DATES!

~ Saturday, October 24 – Central Queens Car Rally

Start time – 9:00 a.m. at the church parking lot. Pre-register by calling Walter Carver (902-213-7015) or the church office.

~ Saturday, November 21 – Trivia at Central Queens

2:00 p.m. Get a team together and sign up by calling Walter or the church office.

Community Events

Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church on Sunday, August 16th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

St. John's Anglican Church Blueberry Social will be held on Tuesday, August 18, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Milton Community Hall. Cost: Adults - \$15.00; children under 12 - \$6.00. There will be a buffet of sandwiches and desserts. All are welcome!