CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

November 1, 2026 – 10:30 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Day



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

Prelude – A time for quiet reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle
We light this candle as a reminder that Christ is present among us, guiding us in love, humility, and service.

Call to Worship
Leader: Come, all who seek God's wisdom and grace.
People: **We come with open hearts, ready to listen and learn.**
Leader: Jesus calls us to live with humility and compassion.
People: **We come to serve one another in love.**
Leader: Let us worship God, who welcomes us all.
All: **With grateful hearts, we worship together. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288*

Opening Prayer
Loving and gracious God, gather us together in your presence. Open our hearts to your wisdom, quiet our worries, and help us hear your call to faithful living. Teach us to walk humbly, love generously, and serve joyfully. May our worship strengthen us to be a sign of your peace in the world. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
God of mercy, we confess that we sometimes seek recognition rather than service. We are not always patient, generous, or attentive to the needs of others. Forgive us when pride closes our hearts or our actions fail to reflect your love. Renew us through your grace, and guide us toward lives of humility, justice, and compassion. Amen.

Assurance of Grace
God's love is greater than our failures. We are invited to begin again, forgiven and renewed by grace. May we share that same grace with others. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: *"Shall We Gather at the River" VU #710*

A Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Scripture Readings
First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34 – VU page 761-762
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem: *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

Sermon: "The Beatitudes"

Prayers of the People
God of love, we pray for your church and all who seek to live faithfully. Give wisdom to our leaders, comfort to those who grieve, healing to those who suffer, and hope to those who feel forgotten. We pray for our community, for those experiencing loneliness or hardship, and for all who work for peace and justice. Help us recognize the dignity of every person and respond to our neighbours with kindness. May we follow the example of Jesus, serving without seeking praise and loving without expecting reward. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory *"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" VU #537*

Prayer of Dedication
Gracious God, receive these gifts and the gifts of our time, talents, and love. Bless them for the work of your church and the well-being of our neighbours. May all that we offer help build a world of greater compassion, justice, and peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *"I Danced in the Morning" VU #352*

Benediction
Go into the world with humble hearts and willing hands. Listen with compassion, serve with joy, and share God's love wherever you go. May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Choral Benediction *"Go Now in Peace" (Besig/Price)*
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Welcome to Central Queens United Church!
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.

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Thank you to Kirk Neville for leading us in worship today and for his gift of music.

Supply Minister: Eric Lynk and Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, November 8.

Scripture Readings for November 8:
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 – Joshua challenges the people to choose God.
Psalm 78:1-7 – We will teach the next generation.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – God will raise the dead.
Matthew 25:1-13 – Parable of the 10 bridesmaids and the lamps.

Life and Work of Our Church

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

Pastoral Care - If anyone from the Congregation hears of someone sick or in hospital, please notify the church office by email.

FundScrip – The next order date is November 8.
You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Upcoming Church Events:
November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper
November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out
November 21 – Trivia Championship
November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date
December 10 – Frozen Pies pick-up date

It's that time of year again. Time for the deliciously popular **Hot Roast Beef Take-out Supper** from Central Queens United Church on Sat., Nov. 7. A tasty hot roast beef meal with all the trimmings including a generous dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices: $25/adult, $7/youth 6 - 12 yrs. of age, and free for children 5 yrs. old and younger. Tickets should be ordered in advance by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882.
Note: At pick-up, drivers are asked to remain in their vehicle, meal tickets will be collected, and the suppers will be brought to the car. Your support for this church fundraiser to meet church expenses is much appreciated. Enjoy!

It's back! Central Queens popular annual **frozen pie sale** starts Nov. 8 and ends Nov. 22. 6 delicious flavours from which to choose: caramel/apple, blueberry, strawberry/rhubarb, apple, pumpkin, and cherry. These 8-inch frozen pies are $8/pie and the perfect dessert for family, guests, or gifting. Pies can be ordered by calling Lois at 902-621-0669. Pick-up date for pies at the church in Hunter River is Thurs., Dec. 10th.

Central Queens United Church Trivia Championship will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2:00 p.m. at the church. Gather your crew, dust off your thinking hats, and join the fun and fellowship! To register your team, please phone: Walter Carver 902-213-7015 or Church office 902-964-2221.

Holly Jolly Christmas at Central Queens will take place on Tuesday, November 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join in an evening of Christmas demonstrations, friendship, and treats. Book your seat by calling the church office (902-964-2221).

PEI Cluster of the United Church is gathering:
Where: Central Queens United Church
When: Wednesday, November 18
Registration and coffee/tea from 9:30-10, and then beginning at 10
What: Toward 2035 - What? Now What?
We will welcome Rob Shearer, our new Growth and Stewardship Animator- FSLDW, and Lloyd Bruce, Regional Minister - FSLDW
Who: Regional Representatives, Ministry personnel (active, retained, retired), interested people (if your community of faith does not have a regional rep, please consider inviting one or two others to attend.)
Why: to connect, worship, learn, sing, grow, share faith and food, hope and laughter
Soup and rolls for lunch at a cost of $10.
To register, contact Kathy Bigsby at kathryn_bigsby@hotmail.com or 902-393-6853. Deadline for registration is Friday, Nov. 13.

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh will be held on Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 p.m. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Jordan LeClair and Family. Admission is $15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Fredericton Cemetery Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Norma Weeks (21204 Veterans Highway, Route 2, Fredericton). Everyone welcome. Information or Questions? Norma Weeks 902-964-2931
James Nicholson 902-566-1134

Reflections on Remembrance and Peace
The Abegweit Chamber Singers will be leading in a Song Service at Central Queens United Church on Sun., Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. The evening will include music and readings for this season of Remembrance, and congregational hymns. Abegweit Chamber Singers was formed in Feb. 2026 as a group that brings together singers from various PEI communities (currently from Ellerslie to Point Prim), to promote peace and unity. The choir is under the direction of Ruth Ann Read-Clay, with pianist Ellen Davis. A freewill offering will be received. All are welcome.

Wheatley River Craft Fair takes place on November 7 & 8, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

'Winsloe United Sings' – with special guests Courtney Hogan-Chandler, Kristyn Visser-Perkin, and Bob Acorn – Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m. Freewill offering at the door.

St. John's Anglican Church Christmas Ceilidh
Sunday, November 22, 7:00 pm -- Admission: $15.00
Performers include:
Crow Black Chicken
Keila Glydon, Judy Lowe & Coleen MacPhee
Sue Pitre
Joan Reeves and Judy MacGregor
The Prouse Islanders

Puzzle & Book Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 28, 9-12 at North Bedeque United Church. All proceeds to Camp Abegweit.