

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
We Gather as God's Beloved**

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 27, 2026 – 10:30 am

**Season of Creation –
God's Grace in Living
Water**



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 to this time of worship, praise, prayer, and fellowship.

**Welcome to this place of worship, located on the
unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.**

May all who enter this sanctuary find it a haven of peace.

May it be so. Amen.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather today as followers of Jesus,
whom, when asked "Who are you?", replied:

I am the Light!

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world;
**may its light brighten our spirits
and through us, may the light of God shine in our world.**

***Introit:** *"Dance with the Spirit" MV #156 (x2)*

Bible Presentation *(placed during singing of the Introit)*

Call to Worship

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we gather today to praise God
the creator of all.

**We gather to be reminded that God's love for us
is new every morning.**

Come all who are thirsty and long for the water of life.

**We gather to be refreshed in the river of God's goodness
and draw water from the well of God's grace!**

***Opening Hymn:** *"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" MV #30*

Prayer of Approach

God of mercy, you heard your people's cry in the wilderness and brought forth water from the rock.

Quench our thirst with your justice and peace.

Let streams of compassion flow from our lives,

**as we honour your creation with wisdom and love,
through Christ, the Living Water. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 78 - VU page 792 – parts 1&2

***Hymn:** “Yes, God Loves Us & We Know It” *(Tune: If You're Happy & You Know It)*

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

CLAP YOUR HANDS. *(clap, clap)*

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

CLAP YOUR HANDS. *(clap, clap)*

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

AND WE REALLY WANT TO SHOW IT,

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

CLAP YOUR HANDS. *(clap, clap)*

Verse 2: STOMP YOUR FEET *(stomp, stomp)*

Verse 3: SAY AMEN! *(A- men!)*

Verse 4: DO ALL THREE! *(clap, clap, stomp, stomp, A-men!)*

Time with the Young & Young at Heart

***Hymn:** “Yes, God Loves Us & We Know It” *(vs. 1&3)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer for Transformation *(based on Amos 5:24, Psalm 42)*

Creating God, we gather to thank and praise you for the gift of water. The mighty seas, the calm lakes, the streams and rivers and the rain that falls to refresh all life are all signs of your presence in our lives and our world. All life relies on this precious gift. The Prophet Amos reminds us that we must become part of your mighty river of peace and justice for all life to know wholeness and unity.



When our spirits grow weary and we are in need of spiritual strength, you call us to refresh ourselves in the waters of your unfailing compassion and mercy. Come to us, Lord, and bless us with the abundant waters of your mercy.

Come to us, Lord. Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing. Amen.

Words of Assurance *(John 4:14)*

Jesus comes into our lives today with this message of hope:

“Whoever drinks of the water I give will never thirst; for the water

I give shall become in them a spring of living water of eternal life!”

This is God’s gift to us today: sins washed away, life restored, and refreshment for our journey of faith.

Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

God’s Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)

Anthem

“To Show By Touch and Word/What Does the Lord Require of You”

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Love for Us

Music for Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone. We live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

***Presentation of Offering** *"Grateful" MV #182 (chorus only)*

Offertory Prayer

God of grace and mercy, you are the source of all life; and even
in the desert times of life, you offer us the wellspring of your love,
compassion, and renewal. You nourish us with Jesus your Son, who
offers us the gift of the Living Water of hope and eternal life with you.

**In thanksgiving for your steadfast love and the gift of your
guiding Spirit, we now offer back to you a portion of that
which first came from you, our Creator and Redeemer.
Receive and bless these gifts we now present. Enable them
to make known your love in this place and throughout
our world, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning

Dear Friends, let us prepare to leave this time of worship and
venture out into this world God so loves. Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus. Be filled with the same love and be
strengthened by the living water of God's grace to care for those
you meet and to be good stewards of the world and all God has given
into our care.

**May we be, for our world and all in it,
a spring of living water and hope.**



And may God the Creator quench your thirst with love and
consolation. May Christ Jesus strengthen you and encourage you;
and may the Holy Spirit lead you on and make your joy complete.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen. Alleluia!

***Hymn:** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU #651*

*Becoming Light Bearers

We have gathered and worshipped in the presence of the Light
and Love of Jesus. As we prepare to leave this sanctuary, we are
called to become those who carry the Light of Christ to our world.

**We will go forth to bring Light and Hope to our world!
Amen. Alleluia!**

*Benediction

***Choral Response:** *"This Day God Gives Me" VU #410 (vs. 3)*

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.

Thank You to Rev. Eric Lynk & Rev. Margaret Collins for leading us
in worship today, and thanks to Ellen Davis for leading in music.

Ministers	All of us
Email	minister@cquc.ca
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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, October 4.

Scripture Readings for October 4, World Communion Sunday:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

God gives Moses the Ten Commandments.

Psalms 19

The heavens declare the glory of God.

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul gives his testimony.

Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the landowner and the violent tenants.

FundScrip – Order date is today, September 27.

You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Church Events:

October 24 – Car Rally

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 21 – Trivia

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date

Central Queens Car Rally will be held on Saturday, October 24.

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

Trivia at Central Queens will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2:00 p.m. Get a team together and sign up by calling Walter Carver or the church office.

If you wish to renew or start a new subscription for “**Broadview**” United Church magazine, please contact Velda (902-964-2210). Cost is \$30.00 per year.

Volunteer Food Safety Courses are being offered as follows:

~Tuesday, October 27, Our Lady of Assumption Church, Stratford

~Tuesday, November 10, Trinity United Church, Summerside

~Wednesday, November 17, St. Paul’s Church, Charlottetown

To register online – envhealth@ihis.org OR call 902-368-4970.

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m.

Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Brian Langille, Roberta Smith, and Colleen MacPhee. Admission \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Free Family Skate:

The Hunter River Club and surrounding area Lions Clubs will be hosting a family skate at the Eliyahu Wellness Center in North Rustico, Friday, Oct 9th @ 5pm. Why not start Thanksgiving with some fun with our Lions members and family.

There will be treats for everyone! Hope to see you there!

Family Church – All ages welcome for crafts, songs, snacks, & more!

Bedeque United Church, Saturday, October 17, 1:30-3:00 pm.

Please register by October 12; email bedequopc@outlook.com or call 902-887-2003.

The congregation of the Memorial Pastoral Charge invite you to a

Covenanting Service between them, Corina Anderson, and the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region to be held in the Memorial United Church, Murray River, PEI, on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm.