

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

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

Born in Human Likeness

MV #47 x3

\*Call to Worship

There is a good word for you if you are weary.

**It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.**

There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

**It is the Word of Hope, "Do not be afraid!"**

There is a good word that needs to be heard.

**It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.**

May we be blessed in this time of worship.

# CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

February 9, 2025 – 10:30 am

Fifth 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.*

**\*Hymn**      Come and Find the Quiet Centre      VU #374

**Prayer of Approach**

**God, gather us into your net. Interrupt our distractions with your grace. Unveil your abundance and awaken us to new beginnings. Give us the courage to trust Christ's call to go deeper, even when it seems impossible. Reveal your presence in our trust and rise within us. In Jesus' name.**

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

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 138**      VU #860

**\*Hymn**      It's a Song of Praise to the Maker      MV #30

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Holy One, we come weary and empty, our work feeling barren, and the night stretching long. Yet you call us deeper, to trust your mercy even in our emptiness. We release all to you—the burdens we carry and the things beyond our control. Let your forgiveness wash over us, steadfast and true. Lift us from our weariness to the abundance you promise and renew us in the grace of this Holy Communion. Fill us with your life, that we might carry your presence into the world. In the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Word of Grace**      And When You Call for Me      MV #96 x4

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Presentation of Offering**

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**God of bursting nets, we thank you for blessings that rise at every turn. Multiply these gifts, and our faith, that your love may stretch wider still. Form us deep in your heart, for your good and gracious work. Amen.**

**Listening for the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Sacred Scripture**  
**Luke 5:1-11**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Responding to the Word**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn**      God, Help Us to Treasure      MV #147

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

**The Lord be with you.**

And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**

We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and our greatest joy, to give you thanks and praise, O God, Creator of the heavens and the earth.

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion (Continued)**

In the beginning, you called us from the deep, drawing us into your love and purpose. Just as you called Simon, James, and John, so you call us from our own toil and weariness, inviting us into the abundance of your grace. Even when we feel empty and unworthy, you fill our nets with the richness of your love, and bid us to follow, casting our lives for others.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before He was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat in remembrance of me."

### **We remember.**

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you. Drink this and remember me."

### **We remember.**

As we break this bread and share this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, as we come to your table, we come as those who have been called—called from our empty nets, called into the depths of your grace, called to follow Jesus, who leads us in paths of righteousness. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, and on us, your people.

Fill us with the boldness to trust, as Peter did, when you call us to cast out once more. Transform us, and send us, so that, like those first disciples, we may proclaim your Good News, and invite others into the deep waters of your love.

**Amen.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are now ready.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Communion is distributed)*

Let us pray

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us at your table.**

**Strengthen us by your Spirit, and send us into the world**

**to be bearers of your light, casting our nets wide with the**

**grace we have received. May we follow you with boldness, knowing that you are with us, now and**

**forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

**\*Changing of 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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**Ministers** All of us  
**Clergy** **Rev Greg Davis**

### **Church Office**

Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm  
Phone 902-964-2221  
Email [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca)

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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.

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**Communion** – Today we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please Note: The bread being served today is gluten-free.

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### **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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, are:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Those who trust in God are like trees planted by water.*

Psalms 1 (VU #724) *Blessed are those who follow God's law.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *How can you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?*

Luke 6:17-26 *The Beatitudes upon the plain.*

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

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The February promotion is Sobeys/Lawtons/Foodland for 5%.

**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.

**Sleigh Ride** – Come enjoy the snow and winter with a sleigh ride at Great Northern Adventures in Mount Herbert next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2 pm. Cost is \$10/person, children under 4 are free. All are welcome.

**Rosewood Service** will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be assisting Greg with the service.

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

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline**—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Kim Albert and Mike Arsenault. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Community Luncheon** - There will be a free Community Luncheon of Potato and Corn Chowder held at the Hunter River Community Centre on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12 pm. Space is limited, and priority booking will be given to residents of Hunter River; others if space is available. A limited number of take-outs will also be available. Pre-registration is required by Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and can be done by emailing [admin.hunter.river@gmail.com](mailto:admin.hunter.river@gmail.com) or calling 902-621-2170.

Over . . . .

**Mission and Service** – *English language classes are part of a psychosocial support program in Ukraine*

Signing up for a course is both exciting and nerve-wracking. We wonder what skills we'll learn and how quickly we'll see improvement and worry about how naturally "talented" we may be.

In Sambir, Ukraine, English teacher Ilona is encouraging her learners to challenge that way of thinking and enjoy the aspect of social time with one another while learning English. This class, supported by Mission and Service partner ACT Alliance, is part of a psychosocial support program for Ukrainians displaced by war. Ilona and her family were also displaced by the conflict in Ukraine, and she is now actively contributing to the well-being of others in similar situations.

In-person learning expands opportunities and access while also providing crucial social engagement and human interaction. As Ilona says "When we come together and get to know each other, we have a community. We can open up and share our thoughts, feelings, and experiences." In a low-pressure learning environment, students can feel comfortable as they learn skills and learn about each other.

Thank you for the support you show to through Mission and Service as our neighbours endure the ongoing impacts of war and conflict.

### The Living Water

Like a river flowing from the throne,  
The living water quenches our thirst,  
And we drink deeply of the love of God,  
That fills us with joy and peace and hope.

Let us give thanks for this holy drink,  
For the grace that was poured out for us,  
And let us renew our commitment to follow,  
Our Savior, our Guide, our Shepherd of all.

*Author Unknown*