

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 16, 2025 – 10:30 am**

Twenty-Third 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.

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** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

When the old give way to the new, when the familiar begins to crumble –

God is still creating.

When our hands are weary, and our hearts unsure –

God is still creating.

When endings feel final and hope seems distant –

God is still creating.

So come, you who tend, you who mend, you who wonder if it matters. Come into the stillness, come into the story, come into the holy work of beginning again.

We come, trusting that in every ending, God is planting something new.

***Hymn** God, We Praise You for the Morning VU #415

Prayer of Approach

Creating God, you shape beauty from brokenness and breath life into the dust of what once was. When we grow tired or uncertain, remind us that your Spirit is still at work – greening the rubble, healing the weary, and whispering, “Do not grow tired in doing what is right.”

Open us to your quiet renewal this day. Let our worship be the soil in which faith, hope, and love may take root once more.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...(on screen)

Responsive Reading – Isaiah 12:1a-6 *Give thanks to God.* VU #880

***Hymn** Each Blade of Grass MV #37 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Each Blade of Grass MV #37 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

Offertory What Can I Do? MV #191

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, we bring what we have – money, time, intention, love – and place them in your care. May these gifts become seeds of renewal in this community and beyond. May they bloom in compassion, justice, and joy. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV) *God shall create joy and delight; the wolf and the lamb together.*

Luke 21:5-19 (NRSV) *Persecution in the days to come; trust God!*

Anthem “Jesus, All for Jesus” Central Queens
Musical Friends

Prayer

Sermon *The Week Before the End*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of endings and beginnings, we bring before you all that is changing – in our world, our church, our lives. When things fall apart,

God, be our steady ground.

For those living with uncertainty – in war zones, in hospital rooms, in boardrooms and bedrooms – grant peace and courage.

God, be our steady ground.

For those who care quietly and faithfully, whose names may never be known – teachers, nurses, caretakers, neighbours – bless the work of their hands.

God, be our steady ground.

For those we love who are ill, for those who grieve, and for all who long for renewal.

(Silence)

God, be our steady ground.

For this congregation – as we face change, as we tend what has been given to us, as we trust that you are not finished yet.

God, be our steady ground.

In every ending, in every tender beginning, help us notice the first green shoot – your promise of life, still unfolding. **Amen.**

*Hymn I See a New Heaven VU #713

***Changing the Light**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace

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.

Thank You to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.
Congregation of Central Queens United Church

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, November 23rd, are:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *God will raise up new shepherds for Israel, God's flock.*

Responsive Reading – Luke 1:68-79(VU #900) *The song of Zechariah.*

Colossians 1:11-20 *In Christ all the fullness of God was please to dwell.*

Luke 23:33-43 *"Remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

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

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.

Sunday School Helpers are Needed – We are in need helpers to assist in our Sunday School ministry. If this is something that you could help with, please contact the church office. Help us to continue this very important ministry.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, November 23rd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for November & December are American Eagle - 8%, Boston Pizza - 10%, Gap - 13% and Homesense - 8%.

Rosewood Service this Thursday, November 20th, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be assisting Greg with the service.

The Official Board Meeting on Thursday, November 20th, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome to attend.

Bookworms United – Our next meeting is at the church at 10 am on Friday, November 21st. We will be reviewing *Warlight* and *The Immortalists*. If you enjoy reading and socializing, please feel free to join us.

Gingerbread Cookie Recipe – Christmas is coming and in my world gingerbread cookies go hand in hand with the Christmas tree. I've left copies of my gingerbread cookie recipe at the back of the church. Enjoy. *Linda Shelvey*

Annual Frozen Pie Sale –The annual 8” frozen pie sale returns with a variety of delicious flavours including: cherry, apple, classic berry, strawberry/rhubarb, pumpkin, no sugar added apple, caramel/apple, blueberry, and pecan. \$7.50/pie except \$8.50 for pecan. The perfect treat for family dessert, hosting or a tasty gift for that special person. Orders accepted until Sunday, November 23rd. Pick up your ordered pies at the church on Thursday, December 11th, from noon - 6 pm. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

Bulletin Deadline–Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

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.

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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Community Events

Winsloe United Church Christmas Concert featuring Men of the Harvest this afternoon, November 16th, at 3:30 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 3 pm.

You're invited to come to the **Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, November 22nd, from 8 - 10 am. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon and spend time with family and friends. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Road. For information, please call/text or text 902-218-6984.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, November 23rd, at 2 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Crystal Paynter and Cory Gallant. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

St John's Annual Christmas Ceilidh on Sunday, November 23rd, at 7 pm. Performers will be Joan Reeves and Judy McGregor, Janet McGarry and Serge Bernard, Retro Frets and "Full Deck". Sale of fudge during intermission. Cost is \$15.

Online Fall Auction – Park Royal Church will be hosting their third online auction from November 14th – November 24th with the site going live on at 8 am on November 14th. Join at "Park Royal United Church Online Fall Auction 2025 to start your bidding. Numerous items to bid on. Auction closes at 8 pm on November 24th. Pickup of items for successful bidders will be on Saturday, November 29th from 10 am – 12 pm.

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Spring Park United Church is holding a Holiday Market on Saturday November 29th, from 9 am- 12 noon in the church auditorium. Please use the Trafalgar Street entrance. In addition to homemade baking, jams, jellies, pickles, and fudge, there will be Christmas decorations, games and Puzzles, crafts, jewelry, festive greenery and gently used gift items. Come early for the best selection. Please bring your own bag.

A Very Victorian Christmas – A musical play for World Vision on Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th, at 7:30 pm at New Glasgow Christian Church (opposite the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers). Free admission. Donations received to send a stable full of animals to a World Vision Village.

Come Experience the Magic of the Holidays – Ling's Second Annual Christmas House Tour on Sunday, December 14th, from 2 – 8 pm at 1549 New Glasgow Rd – Rte 224, Wheatley River. Admission minimum: \$10 donation per person. All proceeds go the Central Queens Elementary School Christmas Families program. Seasonal refreshments will be available. Spread the joy, support local families, and come celebrate the season together!!

HOPE IS!

Hope is the soothing balm of sleep to heavy-laden eyes.

Hope is the arch of the rainbow across gray-clouded skies.

Hope is that first fat robin that says Spring's on its way.

Hope is the peace of twilight at the close of a busy day.

Hope is – and was – and will be, for always hope lives on,

Defeating fear in the hearts of men as dark is defeated by dawn.

Hope is the folded flower asleep in the heart of a pod.

Hope is the candlelight of faith lit by the hand of God.

By: Helen Lowrie Marshall