

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
November 23, 2025 – 10:30 am**

Reign of Christ Sunday

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**

On this threshold Sunday, as the long green season closes, we gather beneath a softened banner--no longer *Christ the King*, but *The Reign of Christ*--a reign not of power, but of presence.

We come with open hearts, seeking a sovereignty woven from compassion.

The world trembles with old stories of domination, yet here a different story rises--a tenderness that refuses the throne.

We come to listen for the voice that calls us back to ourselves, and to one another.

Be still.

Be here.

The Holy One walks among us.

Thanks be to the One who reigns through mercy.

***Hymn** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU #326

Prayer of Approach

O Christ, who reigns not from a palace but from the deep places of the human heart, gather us in. Still the noise within us so we may hear the quiet truth of your love. Where our world is brittle, soften us. Where our spirits are weary, lift us. Where our hope is thin, breathe new light.

Let this hour open in us a spaciousness for wonder, a courage for compassion, and a longing for the justice that beats like a pulse within your reign. Amen.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 46. VU #770

***Hymn** Love Is the Touch MV #89 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

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

Receive these gifts, O Christ--tokens of gratitude, symbols of our longing for your reign. Bless them with your tenderness. Let them become bread for the hungry, light for those in shadow, and hope for those who have forgotten that hope is possible. Amen

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *God will raise up new shepherds for Israel, God's flock.*
Luke 23:33-43 *"Remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

Anthem *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon *The Kingdom That Kneels*

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of the broken and the brave, we pray for a world aching under the weight of violence and fear. Where leaders cling to power, teach them the wisdom of humility. Where nations fracture, breathe reconciliation.

Christ of compassion, let your mercy reign.

For those who carry illness or grief, who wake to days heavy with uncertainty—wrap them in your gentleness. Let healing rise like dawn on their horizon.

Christ of compassion, let your mercy reign.

For the earth--patient, wounded, still offering beauty--teach us to honour her with our choices, to walk lightly and gratefully.

Christ of compassion, let your mercy reign.

For this community—for the quiet kindness that stitches us together, for the courage we share, and the hope we hold in trust for one another—bless us, that we may become a living sign of your gentle sovereignty.

Christ of compassion, let your mercy reign. Amen

***Hymn** To Show by Touch and Word VU #427

***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 Christine Belanger for her beautiful gift of music this morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Today’s Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ivan & Helena 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.

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.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, November 30th, are:

Isaiah 2:1-5 *Swords into ploughshares.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 122 (VU #845) *With joy to God’s house.*

Romans 13:11-14 *Wake up! The day is near.*

Matthew 24:36-44 *No one knows the hour.*

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

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 – Janet is placing an order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, December 7th. The promotions for November & December are American Eagle - 8%, Boston Pizza - 10%, Ultramar and Shell - 3%, Subway -7% and Old Navy/Gap - 13% and Winners/Homesense - 8%.

Annual Frozen Pie Sale – Today is the last day for orders. Pick up your ordered pies at the church on Thursday, December 11th, from noon - 6 pm. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

Christmas Carol Service on Sunday, December 14th, at 7 pm. Hosted by Central Queens Musical Friends and special guests.

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*

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 Ceilidh this afternoon, 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 this evening, 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 third online auction goes till tomorrow, November 24th. Join at "Park Royal United Church Online Fall Auction 2025 to start your bidding. Numerous items to bid on. Auction closes at 8 pm tomorrow. Pickup of items for successful bidders will be on Saturday, November 29th from 10 am – 12 pm.

Christmas Music Concert at Spring Park United church on November 28th, from 7 – 10 pm. Come and enjoy an enchanting evening of live performances featuring Praise Be, Phase 3 and We 3 Band. Tickets are \$15/person and are available for pick up at the church office or at the door.

Family Church – Come and join Bedeque United Church (1230 Callbeck St, Bedeque) on Saturday, November 29th, at 1:30 pm for Family Church. Explore the Christmas story with crafts, carols and festive food. Please RSVP by this Wednesday, November 26th by email at bedequepc@outlook.com.

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 – The new Glasgow Christmas Choir will present the musical drama "A Very Victorian Christmas" at the New Glasgow Christian Church on Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th, at 7:30 pm. The Victoria ear church is located opposite the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers. Admission is free but the choir hopes to raise enough money through donations 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/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!!

Mission and Service – *Together in Prayer and Solidarity*

Through Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada accompanies global partners who bring compassion and courage to some of the world’s most difficult places. Today, we hold in prayer our partners in Gaza, where the situation remains catastrophic.

Partners in the ACT Palestine Forum share that families are facing famine, and shortages of clean water, medicine, and shelter. The cost of even the most basic items has risen far beyond reach. Many are forced to make painful choices simply to survive. Children are especially vulnerable as malnutrition and lack of medical care take a growing toll.

Even amid these overwhelming challenges, Mission and Service partners continue to serve with remarkable faith and perseverance. Through ACT Alliance, they distribute food parcels, clean water, and medical supplies. They offer hygiene kits and psychosocial support to children and families living through trauma. And they raise their voices for a just and lasting peace, humanitarian access, and the protection of human dignity.

Each month, the ACT Palestine Forum organizes a global prayer vigil for Palestine and Gaza. “It gives us strength,” one representative says, “to know that people around the world are praying with us, for justice, peace, and human dignity.”

Your gifts for Mission and Service make this work possible. They help contribute to efforts to provide food, health care, and hope to reach those in greatest need, and that our partners know they are not alone.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by this violence, and for peace rooted in justice to take root and grow.