

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

First Sunday in Advent

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

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Candle of Creation/Hope

Reader 1

In the beginning, God spoke light into being. A first grace. A first promise. Today we remember that the world is still being made new.

We long for hope that is steady and true.

Reader 2

Prayer

Holy One, kindle in us a hope that endures, that we may join you in healing this aching world. Amen.

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

***Introit**

Hope Is a Star

VU #7 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

In this season of waiting, we lift our eyes to the horizon.

We long for the dawn, for the first light of hope.

The Holy One comes, quietly, like morning through a half-opened curtain.

We awaken to wonder and open our hearts to grace.

Let us rise in spirit, shake off the dust of the weary night,
For a new day is beginning, and Love draws near.

Come, let us worship God.

With hope, with longing, with trust in the Light.

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

VU #2

Prayer of Approach

O Holy Presence, you come to us like the hush before sunrise—tender, steady, and full of promise. As we gather on this first Sunday of Advent, kindle in us a light that no darkness can overcome. Awaken our spirits, calm our fears, and draw us into the deep peace of your heart. In this waiting time, help us listen for your whisper and watch for your coming in the small, the fragile, and the unexpected.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 122

VU #845

***Hymn**

Never Ending Joy

MV #40 vs 1 & 2

Time for All Ages

Hymn

Never Ending Joy

MV #40 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Confession

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Loving God, we confess that we have been drowsy in spirit, slow to notice your nearness, and quick to lose ourselves in lesser lights.

We have not always walked in your ways or lived as children of day.

Forgive us. Awaken what has grown dim within us. Renew our longing for what is true. And guide our steps into the path of peace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Unending Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
VU # 149 vs 4

Offertory Prayer

Giver of every good gift, we offer these gifts with hopeful hearts. Bless what we bring and bless our desire to walk in your light. May these offerings become instruments of healing, carriers of compassion, and signs of your coming hope. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Word

Romans 13:11-14 *Wake up! The day is near.*
Matthew 24:36-44 *No one knows the hour.*

Anthem

"Look Toward Christmas"

Choir

Responding to the Word

Prayer

Sermon

Noticing the Light that is Already Here

Reflective Music

*Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

VU #678

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU #1 vs 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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9 am – 12 pm

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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 Kathryn Bowman and John Bentham. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

Sympathies are extended to Ryan LaPointe and family on the death of his mother, Brenda LaPointe.

Sympathies are also extended to Helena Stead and family on the death of Brian Stead.

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, December 7th, are:

Isaiah 11:1-10 *The peaceable reign of God.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (VU #790) *A just ruler*

Romans 15:4-13 *The root of Jesse and hope of Gentiles.*

Matthew 3:1-12 *John the Baptist preaches.*

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

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 7th, following the worship service. The Community of Faith Profile Committee will be presenting the profile.

The Search Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the search for a new minister. If interested, please see Walter Carver.

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.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, December 7th. 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%, Ultramar and Shell - 3%, Subway -7% and Old Navy/Gap - 13% and Winners/Homesense - 8%.

A heartwarming Christmas Concert will be hosted by Central Queens Musical Friends on Sunday, December 14th, 7 pm at Central Queens United Church. Featured performers joining this musical ensemble will be: Chris DeRoche, Wade Campbell, Braidan Campbell, Jodi Whitlock, Kirk Neville, Brad Trivers and Annika Trivers. Forget the commercial stress for a few hours and join us for an evening of seasonal music and song favourites in a welcoming Christmas atmosphere. Light refreshments at intermission as well as a fudge sale. Admission is a free will offering.

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

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.

80th Birthday Celebration for Gordon Toombs on Sunday, December 7th, from 12:30 pm to 3 pm in the Cavendish United Church basement. Best wishes only.

Winsloe United Church Christmas Ceilidh on Sunday, December 7th, at 2 pm featuring Four Hearts and Jack. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

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!!