# Central Queens Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada

#### **Gathering for Worship**

# **CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH**

November 9, 2025 – 10:30 am

Remembrance Sunday

Twenty-Second 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.

**Prelude** 

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Birthdays & Special Occasions** 

**Lighting the Christ Candle** 

**Quiet Preparation for Worship** 

Bible Presentation (Placed during the Introit)

\*Introit Gather Us In MV #7 (Repeat)

#### \*Call to Worship

We gather this day remembering those who have lived, served, and died in the cause of peace. We remember the weight of conflict and the longing for a better world.

We remember, so that the lessons of war will not be forgotten.

The prophet Micah envisions a time when nations "shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

We come, seeking that vision—when peace will be our way and justice our companion.

Come, let us worship God, the One who calls us to walk in peace, to seek goodness, and to live humbly with all.

We will worship in gratitude, remembering with hope.

# **Prayer Of Approach**

God of all nations and generations, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. On this day, we remember those who faced the darkness of war, who offered their lives in service, and who returned changed forever.

Grant us, O God, hearts that remember with gratitude, spirits that yearn for peace, and minds that seek wisdom in the stories of the past. As we gather in your name, fill us with your Spirit of truth and compassion, that our worship may honour the living and the dead, and glorify you, the God of peace.

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

#### **Act of Remembrance**

\*Hymn O Canada

VU #524

Roll Call of Those Who Died in the Wars

George Mason

**Boer War (1899-1902)** 

World War I (1914 - 1918)

World War II (1939-1945)

Korean War (1950-1953)

**Placing of the Wreath** 

Placed by Kim Rodd

# **The Response**

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

**The Last Post** 

Two minutes of Silence

Reveille

# **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that too often we forget. We forget the cost of freedom, and we forget the suffering caused by violence and hate. We confess that peace is easier to talk about than to live.

Forgive us when we turn away from the cries of the wounded, the hungry, and the displaced. Forgive our indifference to the divisions among us. Renew in us the courage to be peacemakers and guide us to walk in your ways. Through Christ, who blesses the humble, the merciful, and the pure in heart. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Reflection

#### Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God's love is steadfast, and God's mercy has no end. Those who seek peace and walk in God's ways will find forgiveness and hope.

Friends, in Christ we are forgiven. Let us live as people of peace, and share peace with one another.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

## **Offertory Invitation**

\*Offertory Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VI

VU #541

\*Presentation of Offering

#### \*Offertory Prayer

God of abundance and grace, we bring these gifts in thanksgiving—for lives lived in service, for freedom hardwon, and for the promise of peace that endures in you. Bless these offerings, that they may build up your reign of peace and compassion in this world you so love. Amen.

#### Listening for the Word

#### **Sacred Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** 

#### **Sacred Scripture**

Micah 4:1-5

Responsive Reading - Psalm 34

VU #761-762

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"When Jesus saw the crowds . . . . "

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem "Peace Song" Choir

Sermon "The Stories We Choose to Tell"

**Reflective Music** 

#### Responding to the Word

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**\*Hymn** God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace VU #676

\*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 Rev. Barbara Wagner. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

#### 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 <a href="minister@cquc.ca">minister@cquc.ca</a> for an appointment.

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

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

Isaiah 12:1-6 (VU #880) Make God's deeds known to the nations.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Do not weary in doing what is right. Luke 21:5-19 Persecution in the days to come; trust God! 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.

**FundScrip** –Janet will be 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 promotions for November & December are American Eagle - 8%, Boston Pizza - 10%, Gap - 13% and Homesense - 8%. The next order date is Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

The Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome to attend.

**Sunday School Teachers are Needed –** We are in need of teachers to help with 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 etransfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through e-transfer, please send via email to <u>veldabertram@gmail.com</u>.

**To The Church Community and Friends** – Wendell Clark has moved to Andews of Park West, Room 112 and always enjoys visits. *Sheryl & Clark* 

**Central Queens United Church First Annual Trivia Challenge** will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Gather your team of 4 and your best "team name". It's going to be an evening full of fun questions, laughs, light snacks and maybe even some prizes. Who will take home the Trivia Champion Title?

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up your ordered pies at the church on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from noon - 6 pm. To order, call Lois at 902-621-0669.

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline**—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to <a href="mailto:office@cquc.ca">office@cquc.ca</a>

**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 <a href="mailto:office@cquc.ca">office@cquc.ca</a> 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 News**

The Annual Hunter River Remembrance Day Service will be held on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am at The Veteran's Highway Memorial (between Harmony House and The Hunter River Presbyterian Church). In case of inclement weather, the service will be held inside at the Presbyterian Church. Reception to be held at the Hunter River Community Centre following the service.

Wheatley River Remembrance Day Service will be held on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am at the monument.

Former 'Blue Crystals' Concert – Park Royal United Church presents a special concert on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, featuring members of the former Blue Crystals—David Altass, Gary Cudmore, Ian Hunter, Paul Chandler, and more—performing classic hits from the 1960's & 1970's across contemporary, country, and rock genres. Fudge sale at intermission (cash only). Tickets are available now. \$15 for adults, free for children, and available online via Eventbrite, at the church office, e-transfer or at the door (cash only), Proceeds support Park Royal United Church programs. For details, call (902) 894-9656.

**Winsloe United Church Christmas Concert** featuring Men of the Harvest next Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 3 pm.

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### **Community News** (Continued)

Environmental Health Fall Volunteer Food Safety Courses – Fall Volunteer Food Safety courses are now open for registration. This course is applicable to volunteers or staff with non-profit organizations. The last course will be held at St. Paul's Church Hall in Charlottetown on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Interested individuals can register by calling 902-368-4970 or by emailing envhealth@ihis.org.

You're invited to come to the **Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> – November 24<sup>th</sup> with the site going live on at 8 am on November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Pickup of items for successful bidders will be on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm.

