

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

"You crown the year with your bounty." – Psalm 65:11

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

October 11, 2026 – 10:30 am

Thanksgiving 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.*

Welcome to Worship

Today we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate the gifts of God:
The beauty of creation, the abundance of the earth,
The love of family and friends, the gift of community,
And the promise of God's presence with us.
May our gratitude become generosity,
And may our thanksgiving become love in action.

We welcome you to worship!

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Come, let us give thanks to God!
For the earth and all that grows upon it,

we give thanks.

For food shared around tables,

we give thanks.

For neighbours, friends, family, and community,

we give thanks.

For God's love that surrounds us and calls us to share,

we give thanks.

Let us worship the God of abundance and grace.

***Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord" VU #220**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious and generous God, we come before you with thankful hearts. For the gifts of this earth, for harvest and home, for bread and friendship, for those who have loved us and those who have helped us along the way, we give you thanks. Help us to remember that what we have is not ours alone. Teach us to receive with gratitude and to give with generous hearts. Where there is hunger, make us willing to share. Where there is loneliness, make us willing to reach out. Where there is injustice, make us willing to work for change. May our thanksgiving be more than words. May it shape the way we live, the way we love, and the way we care for your world. In the spirit of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

Time With All God's Children

Scripture Readings

Psalm 65 - VU page 782

A celebration of God's abundance in creation.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

"God loves a cheerful giver."

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals ten people with leprosy, and one returns to give thanks.

Anthem "Flying Free"

Reflection "Remember and Give Thanks"

Sermon

***Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" VU #226

Offertory

As we give today, we remember that gratitude is not simply something we feel—it is something we live. Our offerings become food, shelter, compassion, justice, ministry, and hope. Through our generosity, we participate in God's work in our community and around the world.

Offertory "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" VU #541

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for your purposes. May they bring hope to those who are struggling, welcome to those who feel alone, and new possibilities to communities near and far. Bless our gifts, and bless us with generous hearts.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

For the beauty and abundance of creation,

we give you thanks, O God.

For farmers, gardeners, fishers, food producers, and all whose work brings food to our tables,

we give you thanks.

For those who do not have enough food, for those experiencing poverty or homelessness, and for all who struggle to make ends meet,

we pray for your compassion and our commitment to action.

For our families, friends, neighbours, and this community of faith,

we give you thanks.

For those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or carrying burdens known only to you,

we pray for your healing and peace.

For your church and its ministry in the world,

we give you thanks.

Make us people who receive your gifts with gratitude and share them with generosity.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn “For the Fruit of All Creation” VU #227

Commissioning and Blessing

Go now with thankful hearts.
Give thanks for what you have received.
Share what you have been given.
Care for the earth that sustains us.
Welcome those who need a place at the table.
And carry God's love wherever you go.
May the God of abundance bless you.
May the love of Christ guide you.
May the Spirit fill you with generosity and hope.

Go in peace, and give thanks.

All: Thanks be to God!

A Thanksgiving Thought

“Gratitude turns what we have into enough.”

May we receive God's gifts with thankful hearts
and share them so that there may be enough for all.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Welcome to Central Queens United Church!

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 Kirk Neville for leading us in worship today.

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Minister Appreciation Day: October 11th invites us to pause and give thanks. Today we honour Rev. Margaret, Rev. Eric, Kirk Neville, and all who have stepped forward with grace and courage to carry the ministry of Central Queen’s in this new chapter. Since Rev. Greg’s retirement, each of you has offered steady hands, open hearts, and a faithfulness that has helped the congregation find its footing and its song again. Your presence has been a quiet blessing—felt in the prayers you lead, the stories you share, and the compassion you carry into every room.

Life and Work of Our Church

Emergencies – Please contact Lois Lajeunesse at 902-621-0669 or 902-388-1103 for any church related assistance.

Supply Minister: Eric Lynk and Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, October 18.

Scripture Readings for October 18:

Exodus 33:12-23

God speaks to Moses face to face as a friend.

Psalms 99 (VU p. 819)

God is a ruler who delights in justice.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

We always give thanks to God for you.

Matthew 22:15-22

Give to God the things that are God's.

FundScrip – Order is due today, Sunday, October 11.

You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Church Events:

October 24 – Car Rally

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 21 – Trivia

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. The UCW will be leading the service.

Trunk & Treat will be held on Sunday, October 25. Dress up your vehicle and yourself. Bring along some treats to share. We will open our trunks after the worship service. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to wear a costume in church on this Sunday.

Community Events

Volunteer Food Safety Courses are being offered as follows:

~Tuesday, October 27, Our Lady of Assumption Church, Stratford

~Tuesday, November 10, Trinity United Church, Summerside

~Wednesday, November 17, St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown

To register online – envhealth@ihis.org OR call 902-368-4970.

Indoor Yard Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Park Royal United Church, 11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown

Come browse a great selection of “new-to-you” treasures, including housewares, books, jewellery, small appliances, furniture, tools, arts and crafts, and more! Don't miss our bake table featuring delicious homemade goodies. All proceeds support Park Royal United Church's programming and community outreach. Ample parking is available. Please bring a reusable shopping bag!

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh will be held on Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes special guests Kim Albert and Larry Campbell. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, will be holding its fall take-out roast beef dinner on Saturday, October 24, with pick-up from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip, carrots, peas, roll. Delicious cake for dessert. Tickets are \$25, purchased in advance, please. Call 902-892-4114 or email trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com.