

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

October 18, 2026 – 10:30 am

**Living Out Thanksgiving –
Seeking Harmony with Creation
and with Each Other**



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

Welcome to this time of worship, praise, prayer, and fellowship.

**Welcome to this place of worship, located on the
unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.**

May all who enter this sanctuary find it a haven of peace.

May it be so. Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays, & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather today as followers of Jesus who, when asked,
"Who are you?" replied:

I am the Light!

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world;
**may its light brighten our spirits and through us may the light
of God shine in our world.**

***Introit:** *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"* VU #822 v. 1&2

Bible Presentation *(placed during singing of the Introit)*

Call to Worship

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God and, through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God,
neighbour, self, and all creation.

We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world
that so often rejects the good news.

**We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one
another.**

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us,
empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

**We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God,
and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** “Worship the Lord” VU #401 vs. 1-3 & 5

Confessional Prayer of Approach

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness; to ask forgiveness of our sins; to bring before you the needs of the world; and to ask your blessing as we give ourselves to your service.

Loving God, be among us now. Show us your ways.

Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and faithful discipleship.

Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love.

Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 96 - VU page 816

***Hymn:** “Yes, God Loves Us & We Know It” *(Tune: If You’re Happy & You Know It)*

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

CLAP YOUR HANDS. *(clap, clap)*

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

CLAP YOUR HANDS. *(clap, clap)*

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

AND WE REALLY WANT TO SHOW IT,

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,

CLAP YOUR HANDS. *(clap, clap)*

Verse 2: STOMP YOUR FEET *(stomp, stomp)*

Verse 3: SAY AMEN! *(A- men!)*

Verse 4: DO ALL THREE! *(clap, clap, stomp, stomp, A-men!)*

Time with the Young & Young at Heart

***Hymn:** “Yes, God Loves Us & We Know It” *(vs. 1&3)*

Invitation to Confession

Dear Friends: We come before God this morning aware that there are times when we have fallen short of what God desires of us. We have not loved God with all our heart and soul and mind, nor have we loved our neighbours as we love ourselves. So let us come before God to confess where we have failed, and to seek God’s forgiveness.

Prayer for Transformation

God of mercy, forgive us when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory.

Help us, Holy One, when we lose our way and forget to whom we truly belong. Forgive us, we pray. Then, in your mercy, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Brothers and Sisters, remember we are each beloved children of God! Receive this good news: God loves us, chooses us, forgives us, and renews us to live in love and service of God and neighbour. Through the amazing grace and love of Jesus our sins are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Amen. Alleluia!

God’s Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10a *(New Living Translation – NLT)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15 – 22 *(NLT)*

Anthem: “Sing Your Joy”

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love for Us

Music for Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

***Presentation of Offering:** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288*
(chorus only)

Offertory Prayer (based on 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

Gracious God, you choose ordinary people and weave us into a community that shines with your love.

We thank you for the gift of belonging—for the call to live our faith in ways that ripple outward into the lives of others. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to your grace. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, welcome the searching, and strengthen your church as a living example of hope. May our shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us. Amen.

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning

Go now as those who have found favour in the sight of God.

Be imitators of Jesus Christ and an example to all of the life of faith.

To the world in which you live, give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

**May the glory of God's goodness be revealed in us;
may the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in us;
and may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill us with joy
and courage, this day and on all days to come. Amen.**

***Hymn:** *"This Day God Gives Me" VU #410*

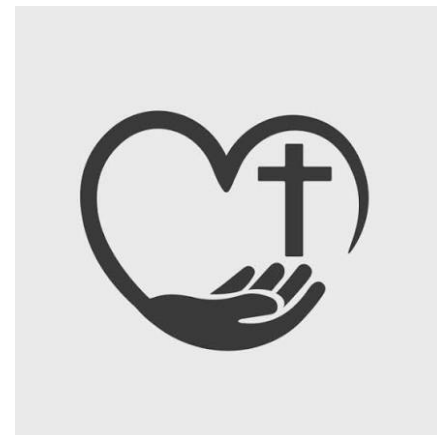
***Becoming Light Bearers**

We have gathered and worshipped in the presence of the Light and Love of Jesus. As we prepare to leave this sanctuary, we are called to now become those who carry the Light of Christ to our world.

**We will go forth to bring Light and Hope to our world!
Amen. Alleluia!**

***Benediction**

***Choral Response:** *"Walk With Me" VU #649 (chorus only)*



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 The Rev. Eric Lynk and The Rev. Margaret Collins for leading us in worship today. **Thank you** to Christine Belanger for her gift of music leadership.

*Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of **Muriel Lajeunesse**, lovingly remembered by Lois and family.*

*Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of **Harvey Bertram** by Velda, Gregory, Kimberley, and family.*

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Supply Minister: Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, October 25.

Scripture Readings for October 25:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – *Moses dies and is buried in Moab.*

Psalms 90 (VU pgs 805-806) – *O God, our help in ages past.*

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 – *We care for you like a nurse tenderly cares for her own children.*

Matthew 22:34-46 – *Love God; love your neighbour as yourself.*

Life and Work of Our Church

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, October 25. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Central Queens Car Rally will be held on Saturday, October 24. Start time – 9:00 a.m. at the church parking lot. Pre-register by calling Walter Carver (902-213-7015).

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Church Events:

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

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.

It's that time of year again. Time for the deliciously popular **Hot Roast Beef Take-out Supper** from Central Queens United Church, Hunter River on Sat., Nov. 7th. A tasty hot roast beef meal with all the trimmings including a generous dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Ticket prices: \$25/adult, \$7/youth 6 - 12 yrs. of age, and free for children 5 yrs. old and younger. Tickets should be ordered in advance by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882.

Note: At pick-up, drivers are asked to remain in their vehicle, meal tickets will be collected and the suppers will be brought to the car. Your support for this church fundraiser to meet church expenses is much appreciated. Enjoy!

Broadview magazine (Observer) is up for renewal. Contact Velda (902-964-2210).