

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 6, 2026 – 10:30 am

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Eric Lynk

The Rev. Margaret Collins

“Creation 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.*

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:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” VU #315 (vs. 1&4)

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

Call to Worship

We gather this day in the presence of God: Creator, Redeemer,
and Guide. Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
Come, let us worship God, the Creator of all things,
who calls us to dwell in peaceful co-habitation with one another
and with creation.

**We gather in gratitude for God's creation,
longing for justice and peace to abide in our world.**

Come, let us follow our Lord Jesus Christ, who reconciles all things and leads us in the way of righteousness, so that the wilderness may become a fruitful field, and the forests a source of life and sanctuary.

**We come to walk in the footsteps of Christ,
seeking healing for creation and peace for all people.**

Come, let us open ourselves to God's Holy Spirit, the breath of life poured out upon us, bringing renewal to the earth and restoring the harmony of creation.

**We gather to praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
who revives the land and calls us to be peacemakers
with all creation.**

***Opening Hymn:** *"Come, Let Us Sing"* VU #222

Prayer of Approach

God of justice and peace, we gather this day in your presence, united with all living beings. We come in hope, to offer the gift of our worship and to commit to live as caretakers of the world you have entrusted to our care.

**May our prayers rise like incense, and our worship
be a song of love to you from all you have created.**

Loving Creator of all, you formed the earth and shaped our lives with care. Mould us to be caretakers of your creation; humble, responsive, and full of hope. Guide us that our lives may reflect your restoring love as it is revealed in Jesus our Brother, Teacher, and Saviour.

**In communion with the waves of the sea, and the rustling
wind in the trees, may our lives reflect your glory. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 148 - VU #871

***Hymn:** *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* VU #291 (vs. 1-3)

Time with the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn: *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* VU #291 (vs. 4-5)

Invitation to Confession

All creation is full of God's praise, and we are called to join in with joy, righteousness, and peacefulness. Yet, as we look around us, we see conflict and destruction. All too often we fail to live as we are called; to be ambassadors of peace, righteousness, and reconciliation.

**Let us come before our loving Creator
asking for forgiveness and renewal.**

Prayer for Transformation

Loving God, we have failed you. Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance. Forgive us for what we have done to your Creation. Forgive us for the times when we have ignored the needs of others and the cries of Mother Earth. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance *(based on Isaiah 32:18)*

The Prophet Isaiah assures us, as he did the people of his own time, that God has promised grace and forgiveness by making this promise: "My people will abide in peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

Let us rejoice and trust in our calling, to live as we are called—reconciled with the Father, ambassadors for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

God's Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading: Isaiah 32:14-18 (NRSV)

"God's Spirit will create fertile land from a desert"

Second Reading: Acts 17:22a, 24-28 (NRSV)

"God is Lord of heaven and earth"

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5 (NRSV)

"In the beginning was the Word.."

Anthem: *"We Are One"*

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love for Us

Music for Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

***Presentation of Offering:**

"God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty" VU #310

Offertory Prayer

Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us to follow you, living out our faith in our daily lives and relationships.

We come before you today to offer these gifts to you as a sign of affirmation that we accept your call.

Bless these gifts we present in love, and grant us strength and courage to so live and walk with you that our discipleship may be a transforming presence in this world. Amen.

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning

Dear Friends, Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him by planting and tending the seeds of love and compassion, and to serve the Earth by caring for creation.

As we journey back into the world God loves, we give thanks for God's steadfast love.

As you journey forth today, may God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, embrace you with love and be the compass that guides you and the light that shines on your path.

As we venture into the week ahead, may God's Word encourage us, the love of Jesus embrace us and rescue us if we should stumble, and the strength of the Spirit assist us to love and care for one another and for our planet home.

Let us go forth in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

***Hymn:** *"God Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"* VU#425 (alternate tune)

***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:** *"Now Thank We All Our God"* VU #236 (vs. 3)

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 Rev. Eric Lynk & Rev. Margaret Collins for leading us in worship, and thanks to Christine Belanger for her gift of music.

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Life and Work of Our Church

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

Scripture Readings for September 13:

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Congregational vote

On September 13, 2026, the congregation of Central Queens Pastoral Charge is called to meet directly after church for the purpose of receiving a recommendation from the Search Committee. At this meeting, the candidate as recommended by the Search Committee and the terms of the call will be presented for consideration by those present. This will be the only item of business. Upon approval of the recommendation from the Search Committee by the Pastoral Charge, the motion will be shared with the Regional Council for their action.

Central Queens United Church Sunday School invites children and youth to join us for "*Adventures with the Son*". Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 20, during the 10:30 a.m. service at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River. A Corn Boil, hosted by the Official Board, will follow the service. All Welcome!

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, September 13. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 17, 18, & 19 has been **SOLD OUT!** Team nights: September 17 - team 3; September 18 - team 4; September 19 - team 1; Setup and takedown - team 2. Thanks to everyone!

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, September 17, 6:30 pm. Choir & Cindy Easter will be leading the service. All are welcome!

Official Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Blessing of Backpacks, School Bags, Briefcases, & Tool Boxes

As we mark the beginning of a new school year, during our service on September 20th we encourage students of all ages to bring their backpacks and school bags to receive a blessing. Adults who may take a briefcase or tool box to work are also invited to bring those along to receive a blessing.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Church Events:

September 17, 18, & 19 – Dinner Theatre (SOLD OUT)

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

~ Saturday, October 24 – Central Queens Car Rally

Start time – 9:00 a.m. at the church parking lot. Pre-register by calling Walter Carver (902-213-7015) or the church office.

~ Saturday, November 21 – Trivia at Central Queens

2:00 p.m. Get a team together and sign up by calling Walter or the church office.

Moderator's Visit at Central Queens United Church

You're invited to an afternoon with the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath.

Date and time: Friday, September 11. Gathering at 1:30 p.m., with the event beginning at 2:00 and a reception at 3:30.

~ Camp Abegweit annual golf tournament -- September 12 starting at 10:00 at the Rustico Resort. Cost: \$150 per player. To register: <https://golf.campabegweit.ca>.

~ Camp Abegweit annual fundraising dinner -- September 26 at Camp Abegweit. Sit-down roast beef meal starts at 6 p.m.; take-out option available from 4-4:30. Tickets: \$45 for adults; \$20 for children (tickets must be purchased in advance). Cake auction and silent auction. To purchase tickets or donate to either auction - sharon@campabegweit.ca or 902-432-9193.