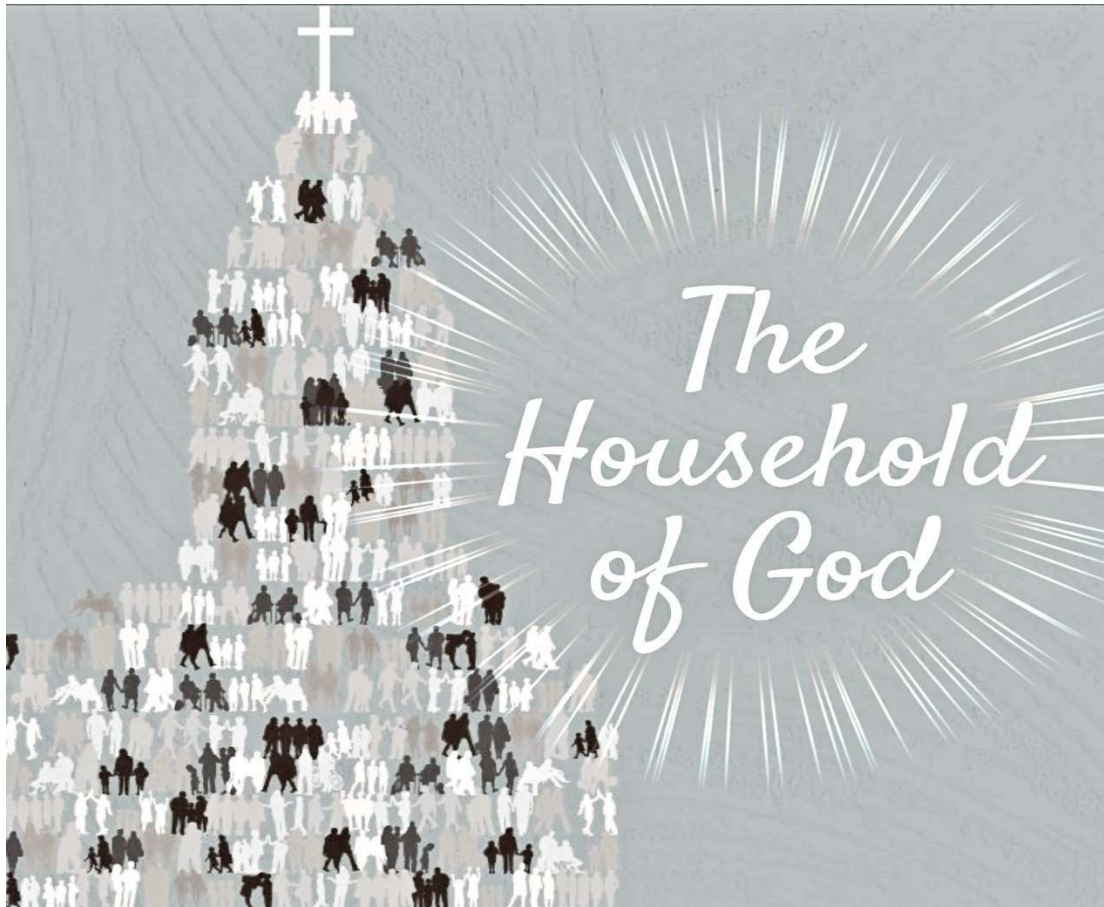


St. Davids-Queenston United Church



April 19, 2026, 3rd Sunday of Easter
Annual Sunday Service
240 years of Faithful Service!



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Land Acknowledgement

There were people here long before we came to live on this land as settlers and descendants of settlers. We acknowledge these many Nations of Indigenous people who first lived and currently live here. We give thanks to this land, the territory(s) of these Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We do this to acknowledge our responsibility to enhance and promote peace among all who now share this land, as well as good stewardship of it and its resources.

** Please stand, as you are able*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # VU 389 "God Is Here"

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*God of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!"*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) We light this candle to mark our Annual Sunday Service, symbolizing the flame of faith that burns in our hearts.

One light represents our unity as the body of Christ at St. Davids-Queenston.

As this flame burns, may it remind us of our calling to be a welcoming home for all.

We rededicate ourselves to gathering in grace and growing in the wisdom of the Spirit.

May this light go with us as we leave this place to serve our community.

One light, one hope, one mission. In the name of Christ, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us join together for this Annual Sunday Service, a time to renew our spirit and our vision.

We come to celebrate the journey we share and the God who guides our way.

Let us honor the mission that calls us together in this place.

We are here to gather in grace, to grow in faith, and to prepare ourselves to go in service.

Let the light of Christ renew our hearts as we begin another year of ministry together.

We worship the Lord with joy, united in love and purpose. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious and Eternal God, we gather today with hearts overflowing with gratitude as we celebrate our Annual Sunday service. We thank you for our faith ancestors who have gone before us, whose vision and perseverance laid the stones of this sanctuary and the foundations of our faith.

We thank you for the strength you have given this congregation through seasons of change and challenge. Your faithfulness has been our anchor.

In this moment of worship, open our ears to hear your word and our hearts to feel your presence. Bind us together in love, that we may be a true reflection of your grace in this community.

Spirit of Life, breathe new fire into our mission. May we not only cherish our history but also embrace the future you are preparing for us. Help us to be a house of welcome for all, a place of healing for the broken, and a voice of hope for the world. Guide us as we continue to walk the path of discipleship together. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #960

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

**Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace,
Grow in Christian Faith and
Go in Community Service.**

SACRED MUSIC "Live, Pray, Serve"

LEARN TOGETHER "I Love It" (Youth and Children's time)

I Love It (X 4) Jesus Said, Let the Children Come to Me Do Not Stop Them

I Love It (X 4) Jesus, Took the Children in His Arms Blessed Them!

I Love It (X 4) I Love you Jesus, I Love It (X 5)!!!

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:19-22 & Matthew 5:14-16

*This is the Word of God for the people of God **Thanks be to God!***

SERMON "Living Our Mission Every Day; 3 G's (Gather, Grow, and Go)"

HYMN # VU 707 "For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

*For the faithful who have answered when they heard your call to serve,
For the many ways you led them testing will and stretching nerve,
For their work and for their witness as they strove against the odds,
For their courage and obedience we give thanks and praise, O God.*

*Many eyes have glimpsed the promise, many hearts have yearned to see.
Many ears have heard you calling us to greater liberty.
Some have fallen in the struggle, others still are fighting on.
You are not ashamed to own us. We give thanks and praise, O God.*

*For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we share,
For the work of peace and justice, for the gospel that we bear,
For the vision that our homeland is your love – deep, high, and broad –
For the different roads we travel we give thanks and praise, O God.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*We bring to you Lord, our hearts full and ready
Because of Your grace and provision
All of creation, it cries for redemption
The heartbeat of Your love's inclusion
The hands of one join hands with the many
Our time, our talent, our treasure
We pray to you Lord, receive these our gifts
And use them in Your love's good measure.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Bless these offerings, that they may be used to nurture our spiritual life and support the ministries of St. Davids-Queenston. May our giving reflect our desire to mature in you.

We dedicate our resources to Grow in Christian Faith, seeking to build a household of God where all can find a home.

Send us out from this place with generous hearts, ready to use our time, our talents, and our treasures for the benefit of our neighbors.

We commit ourselves to Go in Community Service, letting our light shine so that others may see your love in action. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # MV 135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

Refrain Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

*This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.*

*Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. R*

Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.

Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. R

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.

Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song. R

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.

Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. R

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go now into the world, carrying the grace you have found in this place.

We leave this house, but we remain the household of God.

As you go, remember the calling of St. Davids-Queenston: Gather the lonely into God's grace.

We will be a community of radical welcome.

Grow every day in the depth of your Christian faith.

We will be a people rising to become a holy temple.

Go boldly into the streets to serve your neighbors in love.

We will let our light shine, that the world may see God's glory.

May the blessing of God Almighty, our Parent, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**



*Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see;
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen*

Following church

* PIANO POSTLUDE

Thank You to **Elma Gardner** for being our greeter, to **Judith Bennoch** for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon & the choir** for their musical contribution, to **Sue Foss** for leading our Sunday School, to the **Kitchen Helpers** for preparing coffee and goodies for our fellowship hour and to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo Xu** for livestreaming our Worship Service.

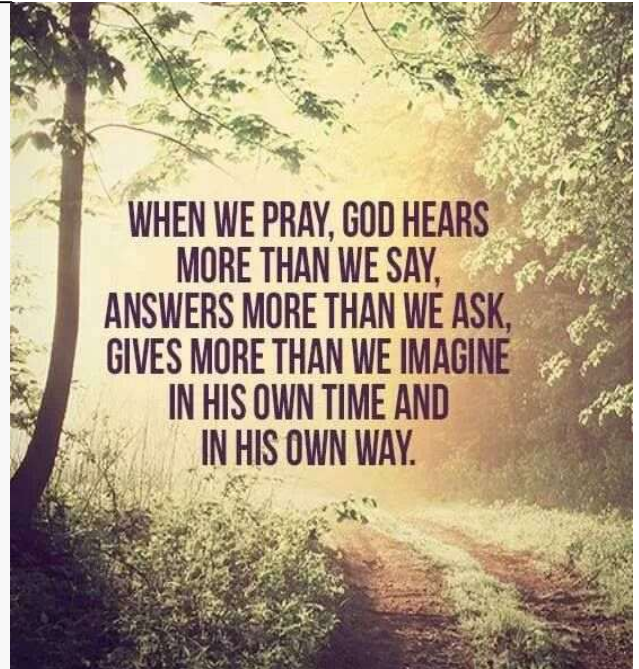


A huge thank you to the countless members who have volunteered over the past year. Your efforts make the difference and are appreciated!

Prayers: Sue Foss, Jill Dill, Bill Utting, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan

Continuing prayers: Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher and Jennifer Fulton.

♥ **Prayerful remembrances** for Kirstie Duarte, daughter to Eleanor and John Macdonald, and Elaine Carson, stepmom to Linda Hardaker. Our heartfelt condolences to all loved ones.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting, TODAY: Annual Reports are available in the narthex, if you haven't already picked up your copy. We have an additional report (from the Spiritual Care Committee) which was erroneously not included in the Annual Report. It's also available in the Narthex. Join us for the potluck luncheon following our meeting.

Social Craft Group, April 22: This meeting is cancelled.

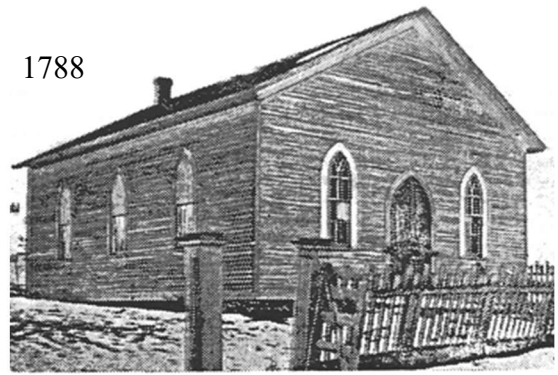
Worship & Faith Life Meeting, April 26, after Sunday service.

CPR Training is available free of charge at Fenwick United Church on April 25 from 9:30 to 11:30AM. RSVP required to Sharon, ssvob@vaxxine.com

150th Anniversary Service for Westminster United Church: Sunday, April 26 @ 10am: United Church Moderator, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath will be at Westminster United Church (180 Queenston Street, St. Catharines, Ontario) to deliver the sermon as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. Whether in person or online, all are welcome! Livestream: westminsterunitedchurch.org

Yard Sale Drop Off: Thursday, April 30, 9am – 1pm & Friday May 1, 8am – 3pm; All items donated must be clean and in good working order. No clothing.

Yard Sale: May 2, 9AM – 1PM: Bring your friends and come out for tasty treats and lots of bargains.



" WARNER'S MEETING-HOUSE "

Second Warner Church Built 1870



Adapted from St. David's Prayers

Gracious God, we ask that You remind us of the gentle courage of our namesake, St. David. The courage to do the small things faithfully, to live simply and tenderly, and keep our eyes fixed on you.

May we keep your light burning bright in our lives, just as You keep us.

May your church, including St. David's-Queenston, ever prosper, move forward faithfully and render your joyful praise!

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

