

# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

**December 07, 2025, Second Sunday of Advent**

## 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 OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

\*OPENING HYMN:# VU 2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Voice 1: The light of lights is coming! Our God chooses not to rest in heaven casting down divine judgments, but is joining us in the human experience, to be carried in the womb of a woman, and to be born as we all are. We journey towards that day!

**Guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Voice 2: The light of hope illumines our path. (the candle of hope is lit) Although war rages in different places in our world and people go hungry while others live in excess, through the light of hope, we can glimpse a better way, God's way.

**Guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Voice 3: The light grows as we light the second candle, the candle of peace. (the candle of peace is lit) A messenger comes to prepare us and we are called into action, to reach out to our fellow travellers as we journey on towards Bethlehem.

**Guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Voice 4: Look ahead, Mary and Joseph have arrived at the stable! The birth of Christ is getting nearer!

*Introit: VU 60 O Come All Ye Faithful, verse 2*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called into worship and fellowship by the words of John the Baptist: **Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

We bring our wishes for the world and its people:

**Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall encounter the salvation of God.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, our Provider, We gather mindful of winter's beauty and bite. As we see our Mitten Tree, we thank You for the warmth we often take for granted.

**We lift up those for whom winter is a struggle, for cold hands, bare heads, and chilled feet. Make us restless to help.**

Bless these simple gifts. May each item be a message of love and a sign of Your care. May the one who receives it feel seen and warmed by this family's love.

**We remember Your call to clothe the needy and Jesus' teaching that in caring for the least, we care for Him. Accept these gifts as our worship. Shape us into a people who share, shelter, and love.**

**Guide our worship today. Open our ears, hearts, and hands.**

As we prepare for worship, we raise to you the prayer your son taught us, *“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kin’dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin’dom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

## 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: Solo by Valerie Zuk

LEARN TOGETHER: # VU 577 “I’ve Got Peace like a River”

(Youth and Children’s time)

*I’ve got peace like a river\*, I’ve got peace like a river\*,  
I’ve got peace like a river\* in-a my soul. I’ve got peace like a river\*,  
I’ve got peace like a river\*, I’ve got peace like a river\* in-a my soul.  
2, love like an ocean, 3, joy like a fountain*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:7-10

1 John 3:17–18

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

SERMON: “Covering One Another with Love!”

\* HYMN : # VU 17 “O Ancient Love”

MINUTE FOR MISSION

HYMN #400 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your  
Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN : VU #55 “In The Bleak Midwinter”

*What can I give him? Poor as I am. If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wiseman I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him. Give my heart.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN # VU 38 “Angel We Have Heard on High”

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Rejoice in God always!

**In the excitement of looking forward to Christmas,**

rejoice in God always!

**As we search for gifts and plan our celebrations,**

rejoice in God always!

**As we anticipate sharing time with family and friends again,**  
rejoice in God always!

**In Advent worship and the singing of carols,**

rejoice in God always! May you find our Loving God in the warm hug,  
in the family memories, in the laughter of a little child, and in hard  
times shared.

**We rejoice in God always. 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*

\* PIANO POSTLUDE

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning

**A Journey Through Advent 2025: Nov 30(Sun) ~ Dec 24(Wed). 2025,** Join us this Advent season as we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Each Sunday, we'll light a candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, culminating in the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve.

### **Upcoming Dates to note:**

December 7<sup>th</sup> - White Gift and Mitten Tree Sunday

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Blue Christmas service during morning service

December 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Candlelight Service (led by the choir at 7:00pm)

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve service

**Reminder:** Next week is Tooney Sunday. Collection boxes are provided in the Narthex and just outside the kitchen.

**Christmas Party & Movie for Sunday School & Youth: Today** Get ready for some Christmas fun! Our Sunday School and Youth Group will celebrate with tree decorating, a party, and a trip to the theater to see a Christmas movie.

**Beef on a Bun:** The last one for this year is on December 12 at 6:00PM. Please plan to join us for good food, fellowship and cards.

**The annual Memorial Poinsettia Fundraiser** continues. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please see Sandra Macdonald. The donations received fund the flowers placed on the altar for our weekly services, as well as the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas decor. The "In Loving Memory" insert will be published with the December 21st bulletin.

**Celebrate the Joy of the Season** with the Queenston Women's Chorus at their annual festive holiday concert. Swing into Christmas today at 3:00 pm at Trillium United Church (415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines). Enjoy an afternoon filled with sparkling harmonies,

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lively rhythms, carol singing and heartwarming holiday favourites - perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit! After the concert, join the chorus for a complimentary reception featuring seasonal treats and good cheer. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, available at the door or in advance. All net proceeds will support Newark Neighbours and the NFPA Scholarship Fund, helping to spread the spirit of giving throughout our community.

**Secret Angel Caroling: Dec 16 (Tues) 2025, 1:00 pm,** You are invited to join our Christmas caroling! If you would like to be the Angels, please contact Rev. Baek or the Spiritual Care Committee.

All Committee Chairpersons are requested to provide their committee annual report to the office to commence compilation of the church annual report. **Reports should be submitted by December 31, 2025.**

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the worship leader, to Sue Foss for leading the Sunday School, to Anthony Scaringi and Valerie Zuk and the choir for their musical contribution, to the Ladies in the Kitchen for preparing coffee and goodies for the coffee hour and to Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Jim Gates, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, John Dunn & Family, Gary Hunt & Family and Jeanne Vanderburg & her mother Beaty.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Chords: C F B♭ C F C F B♭ C F

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free:  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; born a child and yet a king;  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Chords: F C A Dm G C F B♭ F C F

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er; now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley 1744  
 Music: Psalmodia Sacra 1715

STUTTGART  
 8 7 8 7  
 Alt. tune: Hyfrydol

## O Ancient Love

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Unison

1 O an - cient love, pro - cess - ing through the a - ges,  
 2 O home - less love, that dwells a - mong the stran - ger,  
 3 O gen - tle love, car - ess - ing those in sor - row,  
 4 O suf - fering love, that bears our hu - man weak - ness,

O hid - den love, re - vealed in hu - man form, O prom - ised  
 O low - ly love, that knows the might - y's scorn, O hun - gry  
 O ten - der love, that com - forts those for - lorn, O hope - ful  
 O bound - less love, that ris - es with the morn, O migh - ty

love, the dream of seers and sa - ges:  
 love, that lay with - in a man - ger: O liv - ing Love, with - in our  
 love, that prom - is - es to - mor - row:  
 love, con - cealed in in - fant meek - ness:

hearts be born, O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be borne.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

(Les anges dans nos campagnes)

1 Les an - ges dans nos cam - pa - gnes ont en - ton - né l'hym - ne des cieux,  
 2 Ber - gers, pour qui cet - te fé - te? Quel est l'ob - jet de tous ces chants?

1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?

et l'é - cho de nos mon - ta - gnes re - dit ce chant mé - lo - di - eux:  
 Quel vain - queur, quel - le con - quê - te mé - ri - te ces cris tri - om - phants?  
 and the moun - tains in re - ply, e - cho - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav - en - ly song?

## Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a,

in ex - cel - sis De - ol

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics 'Glo - ri - a,'. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

3 Ils annoncent la naissance  
du libérateur d'Israël,  
et pleins de reconnaissance  
chantent en ce jour solennel.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

4 See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise,  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!