

St. Davids-Queenston United Church
November 30, 2025, Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
First 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 up as you are able)

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

***OPENING HYMN:** # VU 31 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Voice 1: O come, all you faithful ones! It is time to begin the journey to Bethlehem. It is time to get ready for something wonderful...someONE wonderful! **The days are surely coming!**

Voice 2: Amidst the struggles of today, amidst the pressures and anxiety, we live in hope. And hope lives in us, because we have heard the promise of God and we believe. We believe that peace, joy and love can be born anew in our world! **The days are surely coming!**

Voice 3: We light the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. (the candle of hope is lit) Small, like the very first glow of dawn on the horizon, it speaks to the promise of a new day, a new way of living together in harmony with each other and the earth.

The days are surely coming!

Voice 1, 2, 3: We begin our advent journey, guided by the light of hope! See here, the stable in Bethlehem, where the animals await the arrival of the Holy Family.

Introit: VU 60 O Come All Ye Faithful, verse 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, let us wait patiently together.

Let us await the coming of Messiah.

Let us listen for God's word, seeking God's promise, opening ourselves to it. Let us bless and worship God!

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GATHERING PRAYER

Gentle Creator, who travels beside us and dwells among us, we gather in this community to feel your embrace.

We are waiting in joyful anticipation for the arrival of your son, God-Made-Flesh. Ready our hearts for the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love that arrives with Jesus. Open our senses to your messages today, to feel your grace weaving between us and drawing us closer to you and to each other.

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: ‘When Emmanuel Has Come’

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 9:2-7
Mark 13:29-33

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

SERMON: **“The Hope of the Watchful Heart!”**

* HYMN: # VU 28 “Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness”

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
(please see the insert paper)

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:
God, our strength and salvation, we glorify your name. With acts of joyous delight, we show others your timeless grace. Our offerings are presented, knowing that those who are grieving, those who are hungry, and those who are hopeful will be served. May all that we are and all that we give reflect your great joy! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # VU 18 “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

The word we have been given this day is hope. May we carry hope on our journey throughout this week, the hope we have encountered and experienced in this place. May we offer the vision of hope to all we meet. May we share the blessing that we have received, this day and 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

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 will light a candle of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, culminating in the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve.

Upcoming dates to note

November 30th - 1st Sunday of Advent, Communion will be served.

December 7th - White Gift and Mitten Tree Sunday

December 14th - Blue Christmas service during morning service

December 14th - Christmas Candlelight Service led by the choir at 7:00 PM

December 24th - Christmas Eve service

White Gift and Mitten Tree Sunday: Dec 7 (Sun), Please remember to bring your White Gift offerings to decorate the mitten tree! Thank you for your generous hearts!

Christmas Party and Movie for Sunday School & Youth: Dec 7(Sun), 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. To help us with planning and ticket purchases, please RSVP by Dec 3rd , 2025(Wed).

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

The UCW will be having their Christmas meeting/luncheon on December 3 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club at 1 pm. All women are welcome. Please let Mary Harrison know if you are able to attend. All attendees will be responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

The final Beef on a Bun for 2025 will be held Friday, December 12. Please plan to attend for good food, fellowship and cards.

The annual Memorial Poinsettia fundraiser begins today. 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 on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 pm at Trillium United Church (415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines). Enjoy an afternoon filled with sparkling harmonies, 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.

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.

Thank you to Elma Gardner for being the greeter, Melanie Kelch for being the worship leader, Enoch Cho for leading the Sunday School, Lisa Brillon and the choir for their musical contribution, 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, Matt Jones, Mary Buttle, Ivy Evans, Roy and Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Marcia Tyrell.

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

① O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion, love brought you here to me;
 3 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 that will not fail nor leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.

O kin - dle, then, most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er for you with prais - es new,

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love all loves ex - cel - ling our lost and fall - en race.
 and from your name shall nev - er with - hold the hon - our due.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

G D G D G C G D

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God of God, light of light,
 ♦ 3 Sing, choirs of ang - els, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 See how the shep - herds sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

Em D A D G D G D A D

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem:
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;
 ♦ sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

G Am G Am G D G Em Am D

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
 ♦ glo - ry to God in the high - est:
 we too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

G D

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.

Latin:

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| <p>1 Adeste, fideles, læti triumphantes,
venite, venite, in Bethlehem:
natum videte regem angelorum:
Venite, adoremus Dominum.</p> <p>2 Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
parturit virgo mater,
Deum verum, genitum, non factum.
Venite, adoremus Dominum.</p> <p>3 Cantet nunc hymnos chorus
angelorum;
cantet nunc aula cælestium:</p> | <p>gloria in excelsis Deo!
Venite, adoremus Dominum.</p> <p>4 En grege relicto, — humiles ad
cunas
vocati pastores approperant:
et nos ovanti gradu festinemus:
venite, adoremus Dominum.</p> <p>5 Ergo qui natus die hodierna,
Jesu, tibi sit gloria:
Patris aeterni verbum caro factum.
Venite, adoremus Dominum.</p> |
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Words: Latin, John Francis Wade, ca. 1743

ADESTE FIDELES
Irregular

French:

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| <p>1 Peuple fidèle, le Seigneur t'appelle:
c'est fête sur terre, le Christ est né.
Viens à la crèche,
voir le Roi du monde:</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
En lui, viens reconnaître,
ton Dieu, ton Saveur!</p> <p>2 Verbe, Lumière, et splendeur du Père,
il naît d'une mère, petit enfant; Dieu
véritable,
le Seigneur fait homme:</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 Peuple, acclame, avec tous les anges,
le Maître des hommes qui vient chez
nous. Dieu qui se donne
à tous ceux qu'il aime!</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 Peuple fidèle, en ce jour de fête,
proclame la gloire de ton Seigneur.
Dieu se fait homme; vois donc comme
il t'aime:</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Words: English trans. Frederick Oakeley 1844, et al; French trans. Claude Rozier 1950
Music: attrib. John Francis Wade ca. 1743ADESTE FIDELES
Irregular

Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

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1 Her - ald! Sound the note of glad - ness! Tell the news that
 2 Her - ald! Sound the note of judge - ment, warn - ing us of
 3 Her - ald! Sound the note of par - don! Those re - pent - ing
 4 Her - ald! Sound the note of tri - umph! Christ has come to

Christ is here; make a path - way through the de - sert
 right and wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness,
 are for - given; God re - ceives these way - ward child - ren,
 share our life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,

for the one who brings God near.
 till once more we sing the song. Sound the trum - pet!
 and to all new life is given.
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.

Tell the mes - sage! Christ the Sav - ing One has come!

Words: Moir A. J. Waters 1968, alt.

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NEANDER (UNSER HERRSCHER)

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Alt. setting: 406

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There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Unison

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 But the word of our God en - dur - eth, whose
 4 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a

call from the ways un - trod: pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm is ev - er strong; God stands in the midst of
 call from the ways un - trod: pre - pare in the des - ert a

high - way, a high - way for our God! The
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and soon will right the wrong. God shall
 high - way, a high - way for our God! The

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought
 flowers of the field they per - ish, like grass our works de -
 feed the flock like a shep - herd, the lambs so gen - tly
 val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought

Words: James Lewis Milligan 1925, alt.

Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft 1938

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ASCENSION (BANCROFT)

Irregular

low; make straight all the crook - ed pla - ces
 cay; the power and pomp of na - tions
 hold; to pas - tures of peace will lead them,
 low; make straight all the crook - ed pla - ces

where God, our God, may go!
 shall pass, like a dream, a way.
 and bring them a safe to fold.
 where God, our God, may go!

Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark

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Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and

take all fear a - way.

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