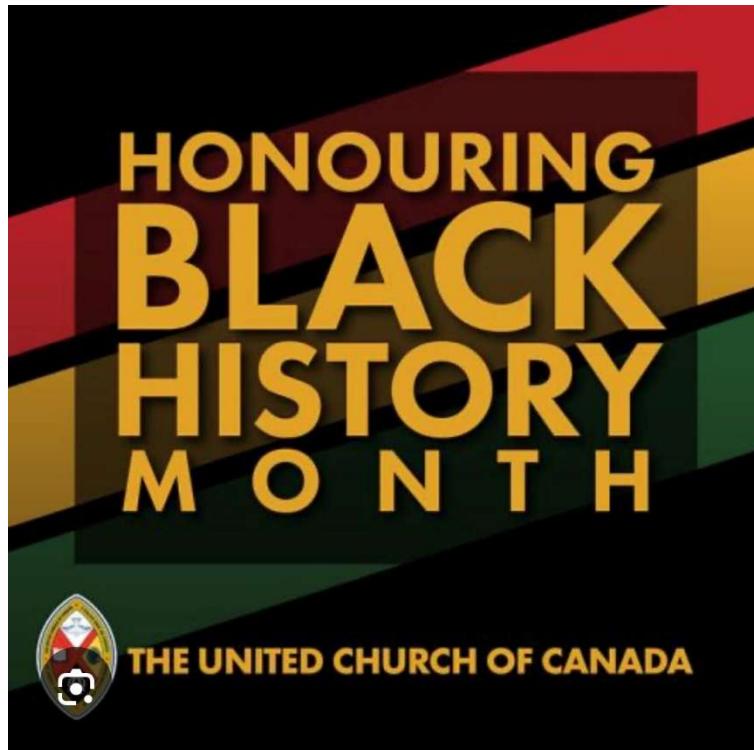


St. Davids-Queenston United Church

February 1, 2026, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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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 up as you are able)

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN:# VU 79 “Arise, Your Light is Come”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Light the Christ candle) In this season of Epiphany in Canada,
we are still in the depths of winter.

Cold, howling winds and long nights
may keep us inside, and we long for spring.

May this Christ light warm our hearts and light our way,
so that we can be faithful disciples in this time. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are beloved ordinary people following Jesus.

We are messy, perfectly imperfect people following Jesus.

We have invited Jesus into our hearts and into our lives.

**Welcome to our messy, perfectly imperfect
worship of our God who loves us.**

Welcome to our messy, perfectly imperfect community of faith.

Come, let us worship!

GATHERING PRAYER

God of abundance and generosity, you call us to celebrate your love each and every day, so love will overcome divisions and build a bridge to unity. **You call us to lift our hearts in prayer and praise and to raise our spirits in holy song. Lift our worship to greater heights this day. Make our prayers deep enough to plumb the depths of our souls and bring us to your throne of overflowing grace.** 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: "Give Me Jesus" Choir vocals

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: 1 Peter 5:7-11
Psalm 147:1-3

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

SERMON: "The Beautiful, Messy Rhythm of Healing"

* HYMN : # VU 619 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

PRAYER FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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!**

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:

Our efforts to respond to Jesus' call are lived out in our daily life, tossed into the mix with your grace, promise, and vision, Loving God.

Without that mix being agitated by your presence, O God, all our efforts shrink.

Here are our efforts, symbolized in our gifts of money; receive them and bless them.

**Take us into your hands and gently shape us into growing discipleship.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN # VU 670 " Precious Lord, Take My Hand "

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

We go from here as a people whose hunger and thirst have been satisfied at the table of blessing. We go as a people enabled to be the church: **to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, to live with respect in creation, to remember that we are never alone.**

And to live those beliefs in all that we do. Amen! **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

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

Thank You to **Donna Cardinal** for being the greeter, to **Melanie Kelch** for being the worship leader, to **choir members** for their vocal contribution, to **Christina Travers** for leading the Sunday School, to the **UCW Ladies** for preparing coffee and goodies for the coffee hour and to **Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker** for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning



Prayers have been requested for Bill Utting, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Jim Gates, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Rev. Doug Jones, Matt Jones, Mary Buttle, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Sue Foss & family.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Helen Herriott, and Jennifer Fulton.



The celebration of February as Black History Month (or African Heritage) begins this week. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, the United Church also honours the contributions of people of African descent. We will have time to pray for their lives and faith during this month.

God, Heal What has Been Broken

Creator God, we praise you for having created each of us in your image—beautiful and loved. Yet, in a world broken by division, we confess the deep pain caused by differences, both seen and unseen.

In our prayer we remember the weight carried by those among us who are judged not by their character but by the colour of their skin. We grieve the subtle wounds, the distant glances, the unspoken exclusions, the stolen credit, and the silent dismissals we must bear. Open our hearts, O God, to know as you know.

God of time, may this journey be one of honest reflection and holy disruption. Stir in us the courage to face uncomfortable truths. Grant us the will to listen with humility and to stand boldly against injustice.

Heal what has been broken. Restore dignity where it has been denied. Teach us to move in solidarity with each other not as saviours, but as neighbours, kinfolk, and co-creators of a better world.

In the name of the One who breaks every chain, we pray.

Amen.

Dates to Note

Feb. 15th - Transfiguration Sunday
Feb. 18th- Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM
Feb. 22nd - First Sunday of Lent - Communion Sunday
Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday
April 2nd- Maundy Thursday (hand washing) Ceremony
April 3rd - 10:30 AM - Good Friday Service
April 5th - Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation Class: **Feb 1(Sun) - Mar 1(Sun)**, we invite our youth (age 11+) to deepen their walk with Christ through a special 5-week class, beginning **February 1st right after the Sunday worship service**. Please contact Rev. Baek or Sue Foss (Chair of the Education Committee) if you have any questions.

Pancake Luncheon, February 15, after the service: Sponsored by our Sunday School, Safe Haven Group, teachers and parents, funds raised will enrich our general fund. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available from Sue Foss.

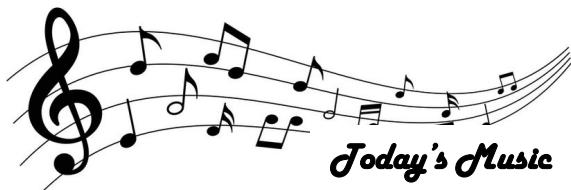
George Dunn's family would like to thank all those who sent cards or visited him while he was in the hospital. They are happy to announce he has left the hospital to take up residence at Stamford Estates.

Lent/Easter Food Drive. Project Share extended a thank you to us for 152 pounds of food/supplies raised at Christmas. Please consider contributing to the Easter Drive, as the need is only increasing.

Reminder: Tooney Sunday is next week. Funds collected benefit local charities.

Offering Envelopes: Have you picked up your box? They're located in front of the kitchen.

Your Help is Appreciated, by taking home your bulletin. The city has suspended recycling services to businesses, including churches. Thank you for your help with this!



Arise, Your Light Is Come VU #79

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying VU #400

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!

Precious Lord, Take My Hand VU# 670

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone, 4 hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.