



St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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The Baptism of the Lord Sunday



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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 OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN:# VU 56 “Jesus, Our Brother”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

At the Jordan, heaven opened, and Jesus was revealed as God's Beloved Son. **We, too, are God's beloved children through our baptism.** (Light the Christ candle) Anointed with the same Spirit, we are sent to carry His light.

Let Christ's light shine in us, through us, and into the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the ways of the world wear us down with constant demands or unrealistic expectations, we are invited to find refuge in God's grace.

Together, in worship, this is where we find our home.

When the morning sun is reflected off the snow and the skies open like a blue gift of joy, we are invited to notice God's creating presence.

Together, in worship, we are being made new.

Come, find refuge, find hope. Pay attention! The Spirit calls you beloved.

Together, in worship, let our souls sing praise.

GATHERING PRAYER

Come to the edge of the sea, the barrier between you and a new life, and pray for a path to freedom.

Turn barriers into highways, Holy One!

Come to the edge of a river, the obstacle between you and security in a new way of living.

Turn obstacles into footpaths, Rock of Ages!

Come to this time of worship and its challenge of meaning and belonging.

Turn us into a people of the journey, taking the path, the highway to daring love.

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, “Each and Every Day”

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: Ezekiel 36:22-28

Matthew 3:14-17

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

SERMON: “Remember Your Baptism”

* HYMN: # MV 10 “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

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:

Mysterious, Calling God, you reach out to us and call us to use the gifts we have been given, as your beloved children, for the good of others and as blessing in this world. We are called to love others:

with acts of kindness, with time spent together, with acts of generosity, with listening and welcoming spirits. We are called to love others, not considering whether we like them or not. We are called to do this because you are love, O God. Help us to be one of your expressions of love in the world. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # VU 45 “Joy is Now in Every Place”

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go from here to live out your baptismal faith, and let the waters of creation hold you up and give you strength.

Go from here nourished at this table of love, and let the Holy One of Bethlehem be your guide and light.

May the Creator of All fill you with hope. May Jesus the Christ meet you at the table and fill you with hunger for change. May the Spirit of Liberation lead you into the path of grace. Go in peace. **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 following the Worship service this morning.



Continuing prayers have been requested for Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Jim Gates, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Rev. Doug Jones, Matt Jones, Mary Buttle, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, David & Carol Heath & family, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and from Esther Binning for the loss of son-in-law, Randy Robbins.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Marcia Tyrell.

Thank You to **Betty Cant** for being the greeter, to **Marianne McRae** for being the worship leader, to **Amanda Xu** for leading the Sunday School, to **Lisa Brillon 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tooney Sunday is today: There is a collection box in the Narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected supports local mission outreach projects.

Worship & Faith Life Committee meets today, after the service.

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

Offering Boxes: Please take your weekly offerings box of envelopes, located in the CE Hall. ***Your help would be appreciated if you could deliver any to friends.***

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, on January 23rd: Tickets are available for sale in the CE Hall after each Sunday service until January 18th. If you wish, you may also take tickets to sell to friends and neighbours. Thank you for your support!

Your Contact Information: Please advise of any changes to your contact information in 2025 by emailing them to sdqsecretary@bellnet.ca or calling 905-262-5242

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VU #56 Jesus, Our Brother

Jesus our brother kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

2 "I", said the donkey shaggy and brown,
I carried the mother up hill and down,
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town;
"I", said the donkey shaggy and brown.

3 "I", said the cow all white and red,
I gave him my manger for His bed,
I gave him hay to pillow his head;
"I", said the cow all white and red.

4 "I", said the sheep with curly horn,
I gave Him my wool for his blanket warm,
He wore my coat on Christmas morn;
"I", said the sheep with curly horn.

5 "I" said the dove from the rafters high
I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I
"I" said the dove from the rafters high

6 Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
In the stable dark were glad to tell,
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
The gifts they gave Emmanuel.

Lords Prayer (VU #960)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom 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 kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MV #10 Come and Seek the ways of Wisdom

1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth

VU #45 Joy Is Now in Every Place

 Joy is now in every place,
 Christmas lightens every face;
 Now be with us, in Your grace,

Refrain O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

 May the star that shone that night,
 Making Your poor stable bright,
 Fill our hearts with love and light;
 Refrain

 Through the New Year let it stay,
 Leading us upon Your way,
 Making Christmas every day,
 Refrain

 Now and ever may we find
 Your good news to fill our minds:
 Peace and love to humankind,
 Refrain