

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

January 4, 2026, Second after Christmas
New Year's Day 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 OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN:# VU 82 "A Light is Gleaming"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Light the Christ candle) We light this candle for the New Year. Christ, our Eternal Light, was with us in the past, is with us now, and goes before us into every tomorrow. **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."** Lord Jesus, Light of the World, guide our steps in this new year. Dispel our fears with Your presence. May we walk in Your light, and reflect Your hope to the world. We commit this year to You. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the season of Christmas. With the birth of Jesus, this is the time of hopes fulfilled and love made real. This is a day that the Lord has made.

We celebrate the birth of the Messiah, God's chosen one.

This Sunday marks the end of one year. This is a time of recollecting past accomplishments and failures, a time of remembering former events, good and difficult. This is a day that the Lord has made.

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This week anticipates the beginning of a new year. This is a time of seeking new perspective and being open to new opportunities.

This is a day that the Lord has made.

We celebrate the birth of the Messiah, God's chosen one.

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, it's the holiday weekend, yet we're here. As we enter this new year, we yearn to experience your voice, to know with certainty your call, to understand how we live best as followers of your way...but it isn't easy. Fill our hearts, our minds, our wills today with your love and wisdom, that we may follow the way of Jesus into this new year. 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.**

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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 43:18-21
Hebrews 13:6-8

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

SERMON: "Stepping Into a New Year: Hope, Habits, and God's Guiding Hand"

* HYMN : # VU 713 "I See a New Heaven"

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:

Servanthood is hard, O God, yet you call us to serve. Following through on a commitment is challenging, O Christ, yet you call us to reach out to others in love. Giving to others beyond our own needs and wants is demanding, O Spirit, yet you give us the direction and the purpose. Bless what we offer here as signs of our servanthood, of our commitment, and of our self-giving in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # VU 87 "I Am The Light of The World"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

We contemplate and consider the needs of the world, and seek to meet the challenges that we encounter.

As we enter the new year, God will be with us in our times of challenge.

We contemplate and consider opportunities for service, and seek ways to make real the hope that we share.

As we enter the new year, God will be with us in our times of hope.

We understand and accept the reality of grief and disappointment and seek ways to support each other through the journey of life.

As we enter the new year, God will be with us in our times of sorrow.

We anticipate and discover joys yet to be revealed and seek to live with enthusiasm each new day.

As we enter the new year, God will be with us in our times of joy.

We share the confidence that God is with us each and every day.

Thanks be to God, now 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

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



Continuing prayers have been requested for Dianne Burgsma, 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 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.

George Dunn would like to express his appreciation to those who have visited him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to **Nancy Utting** for being the greeter, to **Larry McRae** for being the worship leader, to **Christina Travers** 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.

Tooney Sunday is next week. This collection benefits local causes.

Donation 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

Beef On A Bun & Games – Friday January 9, 2026 @ 6PM: Join us for good food and fun. Family and friends are always welcome!

ANNUAL REPORTS: ASAP, please email your annual report to
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A Light is Gleaming (VU #82)

Refrain “A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God’s radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
It hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
Our memories and tears.

2 When night is round us and every shadow grows,
A star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
“God’s light will ever stay.”

3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn’t seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
And this will be a sign:

4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv’n,
And let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
Warming all our days.”

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.

I've Got Peace Like a River (VU #577)

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I See a New Heaven (VU #713)

Refrain I see a new heaven, I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows and without price goes to all people who abide in the
land.

1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
Yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
The Tree of Life will be.

2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
Body and soul, struggling but whole
Life flowers after the rain.

3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
Reveals the promise of love.

4 There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
To build a promised new land."

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!

I Am the Light of the World (VU #87)

Refrain I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

1 When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun...

2 To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love, to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above!...

3 To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children everywhere!...

4 To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at a baby's new birth, to make music in an old person's heart, and sing to the colours of the earth!..."