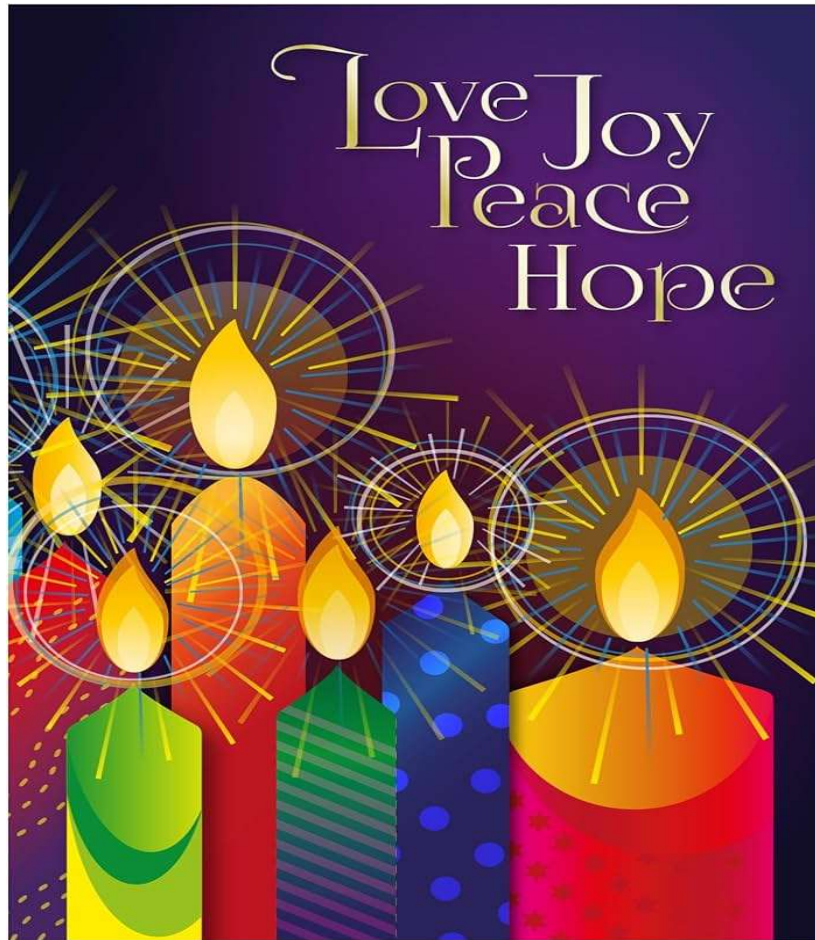


Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

July 12, 2026, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Christmas in July 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 JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #VU 44 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold,
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.*

*2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.*

*3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the love song which they bring.
O hush the noise and cease your strife,
and hear the angels sing.*

*4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

This morning has been a long time coming. We will light the candle of hope as we start preparing our hearts and homes for Christmas. **We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in God, that great things are indeed coming to us soon.** (*Sung Response: VU 6 A Candle is Burning, verse 1*)

We will light the candle of peace as we listen for the voice of God in our world. **We light this candle as a symbol of the peace we find in God, as we hear the good news.** (*Sung Response: VU 6, verse 2*)

We will light the candle of joy as we commit to look up, past our own private lives and worries, to try and see the bigger picture. This candle is a different colour from the others because pink symbolizes joy. **We light this candle as a symbol of the joy we have in all that God has shown us.** . (*Sung Response: VU 6, verse 3*)

We will light the candle of love as we strengthen our belief in the power of love to heal our broken world. **We light this candle as a symbol of the love we share with God and with one another.** (*Sung Response: VU 6, verse 4*)

Now the time has come to light the candle that is hope, peace, joy and love all rolled into one. Now the time has come to light the Christ candle, the unquenchable fire that illumines all creation. **We light this candle as a symbol of the of the eternal light, the holy light, that shines in each of our hearts.** (*Sung Response: VU 6, verse 5*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The calendar says July, but our hearts sing of Bethlehem!

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

In the heat of summer, we pause to remember the cool, starry night when Love came down. **The Light of Christ shines bright in every season!**

Let us step away from the blazing sun and rest in the warmth of the Son of God. **Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

GATHERING PRAYER

God of all seasons, Creator of both winter's chill and summer's warmth, we gather today with wonder in our hearts. Thank You for this beautiful reminder that Jesus is not a seasonal Savior, but the eternal Lord of our lives.

As we celebrate Christmas in July, melt away our worries with Your grace. Soften our hearts to receive the greatest gift ever given, Your Son, Immanuel. May our worship today be filled with the same joy that the angels sang, the shepherds witnessed, and the wise men sought...in praying these words that Jesus gave us,

Our Father (and Mother), 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 ANTHEM: "Take These Wings"

LEARN TOGETHER: "Sing Alone with Santa!"

SERMON & SONG SEQUENCE: "An Everlasting Christmas!"

- 1, Introduction, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (VU 60, v1 & 4)
- 2, Luke 2:8-14, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (VU 48, v1 & 3)
- 3, Isaiah 9:2-6, "Still, Still, Still..." (VU 47, v1 & 3)
- 4, The Charge, "Joy to the World!" (VU 59 v1 & 4)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*We bring to you Lord, our hearts full and ready
Because of Your grace and provision
All of creation, it cries for redemption
The heartbeat of Your love's inclusion
The hands of one join hands with the many
Our time, our talent, our treasure
We pray to you Lord, receive these our gifts
And use them in Your love's good measure.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Generous God, we bring these gifts to You today with joyful and merry hearts. We pray that You take these offerings and use them to spread Your love, peace, and hope, not just in our community, but to the ends of the earth. May our lives be a continuous gift of worship to You, every single day of the year. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN # VU 67 "Silent Night, Holy Night"**

*"Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight: Glories stream from heaven a far,
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light; Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth."*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go forth into the summer heat carrying the cool, refreshing peace of Christ. Do not leave the spirit of Christmas in this sanctuary. Take the joy of the nativity into your workplaces, your neighbourhoods, and your homes. Be the light of the world, just as the star of Bethlehem pointed the way to Jesus. May Almighty God, our Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forevermore. Go in peace. Merry Christmas in July! **Thanks be to God! 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.



Thank You to **Donna Cardinal** for being our greeter,
to **Judith Bennoch** for being our worship leader,
to **Lisa Brillon & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to
Christina Travers for her flute accompaniment, the **Kitchen Helpers** for coffee & treats after the service and to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo Xu** for livestreaming our Service.

In Our Prayers: Sue Foss, Clair Boyda, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan & sister Ruth Nelson and Weldon (Willy) Harrison.

Continuing Prayers: Tina, Nick & Jordan Perrella, Darren Deesin, Paul Dotter, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Jennifer Fulton.



Today's flowers are provided by Pearl & Warren Stainton, in loving memory of their son, Bob.



Thank you to Rev. Baek and to the congregation of St. David's Queenston United Church, for all your support, hugs, assistance, visits, prayers, calls, cards, and concern during my recent loss of my soulmate and husband Jim. Many thanks also to the ladies of the UCW for preparing the excellent lunch following the service.

You were always there for both Jim and I during the last three years, while Jim was dealing with ongoing health issues. Your much-needed hugs and support got us through our most difficult and uncertain times. You truly are my church family, as you were for Jim, and I want you to know how very much you are loved and appreciated. With gratitude, Shirley Gates. ♥

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have a fundraising idea for our committee? Please let us know by completing the orange paper on the Welcome Table (in front of the kitchen) or by email to sdqsecretary@bellnet.ca.



Carnival Pie Bake @ Lions Club July 22 – 25: *Volunteers are still needed* for the booth. The signup board is on the Welcome Table (CE Hall). Tell your friends to stop by for a delicious pie!