Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

November 15, 2026, 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Exchange Sunday: St. Davids-Queenston UC and Grace UC



We welcome Rev. Warner Bloomfield from Grace United Church in Dunnville and thank him for his leadership today.

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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.

***Bold** portions are to be said by all. An asterisk * invites those able, to stand.*
Hymns are sung by all unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: MV #28 “God of the Bible”

1.God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our home.

***Refrain**: (repeat twice) Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change.*

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part, still you empow’r us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

3. Those without status, those who are nothing, you have made royal, gifted with rights, chosen as partners, midwives of justice, birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day, but by your people, fearless and faithful, small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain through all our turmoil, terror and loss, bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes facing the Cross.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle to remember that we are spiritual beings, connected by spirit to our Creator. Let us be grateful for our existence, the joys, sorrows, teachings, and experiences it brings.

CALL TO WORSHIP

As dry land thirsts for water. As budding plants reach for the sun. As dying leaves fall to the earth.
Our longing souls call us to worship.

GATHERING PRAYER
Today and every day,
may we build each other up in love.
Today and every day,
may our faith protect us from utter despair.
Today and every day,
may our love for you and each other strengthen us.
Today and every day,
may our hope in the risen Christ give us the courage to move forward toward Christ's coming reign. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
There is a thin line between playing it safe and being reckless.
Help us to choose our actions wisely.
There is a point when holding on to something too tightly can weaken our grasp.
Help us to hold our convictions tenderly.
There are moments when fear stops us from doing what we know to be right.
Help us to practice our ministry boldly.
There are words of scorn that can enslave us, feelings of disappointment that can unravel us.
Help us to speak to each other lovingly.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION
Do not be afraid, for God is our helper and our strength

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: "We Have Been Told" by Bob Prentice

LEARN TOGETHER: VU #365 "Jesus Loves Me", v1
(Youth and Children's time)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Judges 4:1-7 & Matthew 25:14-30
This is the Word of God for the people of God ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON: “Don’t Fear What God Has Given You”

*HYMN: VU #595 “We Are Pilgrims”

1. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

2. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I’ll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we’ve seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

6. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN: # VU 542 “We Give You But Your Own”

We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Thank you for this community and for the responsibility of being your people. Forgive us for the times when we have tucked away and hidden our gifts and talents from the world. As a community, help us to support and encourage each other so that we can share all of our gifts for and to your glory. Bless these gifts, both seen and unseen, that they might be a blessing to others. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #288 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided - Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***R***

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. ***R***

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

What gift do you need help sharing? How will this gift add hope to the world? This week, ask a friend to help you in using this gift. Tell them what you need to be encouraged, inspired, and supported. Go, for the world is waiting and is in desperate need of what only you can offer. Go, and don't be afraid, for the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit goes with us all. **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 treats in the CE hall following the Worship service.



Thank You to **Betty Cant** for being our greeter, to **Bob Prentice** for being our worship leader, to **Sharee Eidt & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to **Kathleen Elliott** for leading the Sunday school, to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker** & **Leo Xu** for livestreaming our service, to **the men** who provide elevator entry assistance and to the **Kitchen Helpers** for coffee & treats after the service.



In Our Prayers; Sue Foss, Clair Boyda, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Ivy Evans, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan and Willy Harrison.

Continuing Prayers for Ruth Nelson, Maurice - a friend, Darren Deesin, Matt Jones, Tina, Nick & Jordan Perrella**,** Sandra Dotter**,** Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Marion Smith & family, Judith Hudon and Lenore Cardif-Hinchliffe.

Upcoming Services

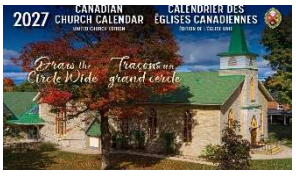
November 29: Start of Advent - Communion Sunday
December 6: White Gift & Mitten Tree
December 13 @10:30AM: Blue Christmas
December 13 @ 7PM: "Christmas Seekers", a cantata and candlelight service to benefit the Benevolent Fund (freewill offering).
December 24: Christmas Eve @7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toonie Sunday is today. Collection boxes are in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected goes only to support local mission outreach projects.



Church Calendars are available to purchase @ $8.50 each. This unique calendar celebrates United Churches across Canada, focusing on 65 years of United Church Women (UCW). It features photos from across the country plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates. Contact Kathleen Elliott/office.





on November 17 @ 7PM.



meets Friday, Nov. 20 @6PM



November 23, from 9AM to 1PM at Grace United Church, 222 Victoria St, NOTL

Spaghetti Dinner, November 28, 5-7pm: Tickets are available for distribution to your friends & family. See Bob Prentice after the service, in the CE Hall. $15 for adults and $8.00 for children 12 & under.





Sunday December 6th at 3:00 PM, entitled 'A Noel Celebration' performed by The Queenston Women's Chorus at St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 12 Princess Street, Queenston. Concert goers will enjoy a wide variety of Christmas choral music from traditional to popular pieces performed by the choir and directed by Lisa Cosens Brillon. Net proceeds from the concert will go to Newark Neighbours and the Niagara Festival of the Arts Scholarship fund. Tickets are $20/adults, $15/students and limited tickets are available at the door or by contacting queesntonwomenschorus@gmail.com. A reception for all will follow the concert!

Project Share extends a thank you to all who have previously supported their emergency food and homelessness prevention programs. An average of 120 families/day are served. A bin is placed in the upper entry, and a list of needed items is on the bulletin board in the lower entry.




God Bless
HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK