Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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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: VU #710 “Shall We Gather at the River”

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. ***R***

3. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. ***R***

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
Like the peoples long ago, we are journeying in stages.
Our lives unfold, not all at once but piece by piece.
Sometimes the forward movement is small. Sometimes we may feel we are being called to take enormous leaps in faith.
On all days of the journey, we can know that God is with us.
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

GATHERING PRAYER
Guiding God, light of direction and discernment,
shine in our hearts today.
As we journey through life, with events and upsets we do not understand,
steady us with the patience of faith.
When all feels lost and we are tired by our days,

strengthen us with the persistence of faith.
Daunted by obstacles in our lives and in the world,
embolden us with the courage of faith.
When hurts and slights sting or indifference isolates us,
soothe us with the essence of faith.
Embrace us in your eternal love and remind us of your reassuring promise,
to be with us always, to the end of our days. 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.

SENIOR CHOIR SACRED ANTHEM: "There's Something About That Name"

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: Jeremiah 29:11-13 & Philippians 3:13-16
This is the Word of God for the people of God ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON: "Living a Life Driven by Purpose!"

HYMN: VU #701 "What does the Lord Require of you"

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.
Repeat

MINUTE FOR MISSION

HYMN: VU #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 # 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:

Our gifts are vital. Each dollar matters, each talent used matters, each minute employed in the service of Jesus Christ matters. We thank God and each other for these gifts.

With our gifts come prayers for strength for any who are tired in work and service. With our gifts come prayers of encouragement for any who are feeling downhearted. With our gifts come prayers of hope for a restored Creation. With our gifts come prayers of comfort in the midst of grief and illness. With our gifts come the blessings of fellowship and welcome.

Our gifts are wonderful. We will sing and dance as we give.

Thanks be to you, O God, for it is because of you that we can give with joy and can find joy as we receive the blessings of this community of faith. Amen.

*****CLOSING HYMN: VU # 274 “Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

1. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written full clear on every page;
our forebears owned your goodness, and we their deeds record,
and both to this bear witness, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

2. Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten to share the heavenly feast.
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

3. Through many days of the darkness through many scenes of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely to guard your people’s life.
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

4. And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored:
we will maintain, unflinching, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

5. Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;

with your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won,
and then by earth and heaven your name shall be adored,
and this shall be heaven, your name shall be adored,
And this shall be our anthem, 'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

This is the moment of leaving. This has been the time of renewal.
These are the moments of challenge. This is the invitation to bring justice. This is the moment of hope, hope that runs counter to despair.
These are the moments of faith community; a community united in friendship and service. It has been good to be here, our moments have become your moments, **loving God. Thank you!**

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 after the service in the C.E. Hall for refreshments and treats.**

Thank You to **Elma Gardner** for being our greeter, to **Marianne McRae** for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to **Christina Travers** for leading our Sunday School, to the **Kitchen Helpers** for coffee & treats after the service, to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker** & **Leo Xu** for livestreaming our service and to **the men** who provide elevator entry assistance.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Bazaar (Nov. 7, 9am – 1pm) Help Required: All items are gratefully accepted for donations of;
1. new or gently used items of children's games, books & toys, jewellery and Christmas décor,
2. crafted gift items, such as mittens, slippers, hats, small blankets, sauces, jams, pickles, canned fruits & veggies and candies and
3. baked goods. *Please no clothing, shoes, luggage, housewares, etc.*

Friday, November 6 (9am – 1pm), Christmas Bazaar Drop-off of donated items. Your donation/s are very appreciated!

Spaghetti Dinner, November 28, 5-7pm: Tickets are available for distribution

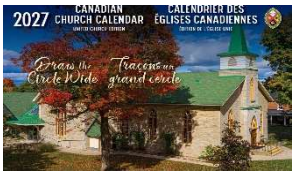


to your friends & family. See Bob Prentice after the service, in the CE Hall. $15 for adults and $8.00 for children 12 & under.

Three Volunteers required to clean & organise the 2 artifact showcases. Contact Rev. Doug Jones if you can lend a hand.



Church Calendars: This unique calendar celebrates United Churches across



Canada, focusing on the theme of 65 years of United Church Women (UCW), and features colourful photos from communities of faith across the country plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates. A limited number are available to purchase @ $8.50 each. Please contact Kathleen by November 15th.

