

Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

October 11, 2026, 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time & Thanksgiving Sunday

*Creation Time is a time to listen more deeply to the earth and to the Creator who loves it.
We will reflect on our place within God's good creation and what it means to care for it
with hope and action.*



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 #516 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"**

*Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home!
All is safely gathered in, safe before the storms begin:
God our maker does provide, for our needs to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home!*

*All the world is God's own field, harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest giver, grant that we, wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For our God one day shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
from the field shall in that day, all of fences purge away;
giving angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.*

*Even so, God, quickly come to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We seek God's presence in our lives today.

We seek God's Spirit moment by moment in worship.

As we journey in faith, we strive to move forward in faith.

We will never turn back, except to give thanks.

And so we welcome the guiding light of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, family of God!

God has visited the earth and watered it.

God has provided the people with grain and crowned the year with overflowing bounty.

The earth has yielded its increase, God; our God has blessed us!

Let us give thanks and praise to God!

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, we come before you
for the wonders of your Creations;
for the reassuring touch of loved ones;
for the tantalizing aroma of home cooking;
for the joyous sounds of children laughing;
for your presence in the shadowed times.

**to give thanks
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We who are so blessed come in gratitude to offer our communal prayer for the limitlessness of your love that fills us with the very breath of life.

Gracious God, we give our thanks. **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 HYMN: "Walk With the Lord" by the Choir

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: Deuteronomy 16:13-17 & 2 Corinthians 9:10–15

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

SERMON: "Returning the Glory: Uncovering the Sacred Heart of Thanksgiving!"

HYMN: VU #236 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us with ever joyful
hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us strong in grace,
and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ill
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given The Son and Spirit
blest, who dwell in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom heaven and
earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

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!*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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:

Giver of Great Gifts, we pray surrounded by family, friends, and neighbours. We bring our offerings to celebrate the goodness of community and all that being community entails. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to become part of the gift that we give. This we pray with sincerity and hope. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: VU# 216 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.*

*What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepth;
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepth;
Within the shelter of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.*

*Our God is never far away. But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.*

*Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in your God, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

As we prepare to leave this place of worship, let us pledge to be grateful for all the gifts of God's Creation.

Go out into the world with thankfulness in your heart and be ready to offer thanks to all.

When we love one another, when we thank one another, we are also loving and thanking God. And so, I thank you all for being a part of my family in Christ. May you feel the blessing of love and gratitude in your heart, today and every day.

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 after the service in the C.E. Hall for coffee/tea and treats.

Thank You to **Warren Stainton** for being our greeter, to **Bob Prentice** for being our worship leader, to **Sharree Eidt & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to **Kathleen Elliott** 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 entry assistance.



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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toonie Sunday is next week. All money collected goes to support local mission outreach projects.



The UCW meets Wednesday, October 14 @1:30 pm. All women are invited to join us.



If you've taken any photos during the year of any of our events or services, would you consider providing them to Kathleen for possible insertion into our yearend report? Digital format is best, but Kathleen can scan and return actual photos. Please submit to sdqsecretary@bellnet.ca or directly to either Kathleen or Sue Cote.



Thanksgiving Food Drive: Please help fill the Project Share barrel in the front entry. Cash donations are also accepted online at Projectshare.ca. Unfortunately the need is higher than ever.



3rd Annual Collection for the Homeless: Thanks to you, this congregation has been very generous in the last 2 years towards those less fortunate. Please consider donating any of the following items to this year's drive; toothpaste, body wash, crayons, markers, puzzles, books, hair ties, deodorant, hand warmers, gloves, toques, brushes/combs, female hygiene items and of course, cash. Sue Cote will do any shopping for needed items.



Christmas Bazaar (Nov. 7) Help Required: Calling all knitters, crocheters, sewers and cooks; Please help us creating gift items, such as mittens, slippers, hats, small blankets, sauces, jams, pickles, canned fruits & veggies and candies. For the jewellery counter, donations of new or not-used items, (jewellery,



belts & scarves) are also appreciated. *Please no clothing, shoes, luggage, housewares, etc.*

Sunday School Leaders are still required.



We are short 1 leader, for 1 Sunday/month. Teaching experience isn't necessary; just a love of youth and of God; the Holy Spirit will do the rest. Our youth are great kids and there's a curriculum to follow. This is an excellent opportunity to share in the joy and curiosity of our younger folks. Please contact Rev. YongSeok or Sue Foss.



In Harmony with God's Creation



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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.