Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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Reformation Sunday



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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 #262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper sure amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
power and malice great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth he has no equal.

2 Did we in our strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed the truth to triumph through us:
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ, who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
God's kingdom is forever.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Today we light the Christ candle, a flame that has been passed from hand to hand for centuries, through every generation that dared to ask how God is calling the church anew. *(The candle is lit.)* Light of Christ, you shine in our darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome you.
As the Spirit moved in the reformers of old,
move among us now.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are weary of old arguments and hungry for good news.
We come, trusting in the grace that made us.
Come, you who carry questions and doubts.
We come, knowing that God welcomes honest hearts.
Come, you who love this church and long for it to be faithful.
We come, to be shaped again by the Spirit.
Come, for the God who makes all things new is here.
Let us worship God together!

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, you are the beginning of every faithful turning and the end of every fearful clinging.
We thank you for those who came before us, who read your Word with courage and trusted your grace more than their own certainty.
Open our eyes and ears this day.
Where we have grown comfortable, unsettle us. Where we have grown weary, restore us. Where we have built walls, lead us to doors.
Make us a church that is reformed and always being reformed by your Word and by your Spirit.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our hope. 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: "Lean On Me"

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: Amos 5:21-24 & Romans 3:21-29

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

SERMON: "Living Faith, Living Justice!"

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.

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:

Understanding God, sometimes certain challenges mean that financial support is how we can serve the church, and sometimes certain challenges mean that it is with our serving actions that we support the church. Sometimes we give you our commitment to take up the banner of our elders and add both our labours and our money, so together we may all love, as Christ loves, your diverse family. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #589 "Lord Speak to Me"

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.

2. O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, so that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3. O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flows
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Friends, the church is not a building to protect but a people sent into the world.
You have heard the Word and tasted grace. Now go to be that grace for others.
Will you go as people who trust God's promises?
We will, with God's help.
Will you speak truth with love and listen with open hearts?
We will, with God's help.
Will you work for justice, mercy, and peace in the places where you live?
We will, with God's help.
Will you stay open to the Spirit, who is still doing a new thing among us?
We will, with God's help.
May the God who made you, the Christ who redeems you, and the Spirit who stirs you to new life bless you and keep you, this day and always.
Go in peace, and be the church. **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 after the service in the C.E. Hall for birthday cake and coffee/tea. Today we celebrate all members born in October.**

Thank You to **Donna Cardinal** for being our greeter, to **Larry McRae** for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to **Sue Foss** 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

The Spiritual Care Committee will meet on October 28th (Wed) at 2:00pm in the CE Hall. We are seeking new members who are always welcome to attend.



Please take photos of our events & activities to share for publication in our Yearend Report. Ddigital copies may be sent to sdqsecretary@bellnet.ca Actual photos may be given to Kathleen Elliott or Sue Cote. Kathleen can scan and return your photos. No photo will be used without permission.



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.



U.C.C. Optional 2026 Identities Survey. Further information is available on the CE table.

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A Hope-Filled, Bold Future

"Dear friend in the United Church,

You are being invited to complete The United Church of Canada's **2026 Identities Survey**, about the people in your household. The **2026 Identities Survey** is one important part of our church's collective work on **Toward 2035**, a whole-church conversation about the future of God's call to The United Church of Canada. As we reflect and pray about the future, we also need a clearer picture of the whole church at the present— including the range of people participating in our communities of faith. Your responses to this survey will help us better understand who participates in United Church communities of faith at the moment.

The survey is confidential. Your individual data will be accessed by 3 authorized paid-accountable staff in The United Church's General Council Office. Reported data will be aggregated (grouped) so that individuals are not identifiable. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete. Only one survey should be filled out per household.

Here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AllIdentities2026SL

Thank you in advance for your participation!


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your
light
shine