

Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

September 27, 2026, 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time Week 3 & Orange-shirt-day Service

*Creation Time is a time to listen more deeply to the earth and to the Creator who loves it.
Over the next 3 weeks to Thanksgiving, 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 #686 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light this Christ Candle, we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World, who fills our hearts with warmth, joy, and unfailing hope. (*Light the Christ Candle*) We also light this Candle to shine a bright light on every child; past, present, and future. We celebrate their gifts, their unique voices, and their vibrant futures. **May these two lights remind us that when we walk in God's love, we build a world where every child is cherished, safe, and free to shine!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God! We gather today under the wide sky of God's grace. **We come to celebrate life, hope, and the sacred gift of every child!** Today we wear orange, lifting up our hearts with promise for a brighter tomorrow. **We remember with honor, and we step forward together in unity and love.** Let us worship the God of hope, who makes all things new! **Amen! Let us praise God with joyful and open hearts!**

GATHERING PRAYER

Creator God, God of broad horizons and endless hope, We thank you for the joy of gathering today as one diverse family. **You created each of us with purpose, beauty, and dignity, and you remind us that Every Child Matters.** Fill this sanctuary with your Holy Spirit. Inspire us to be builders of bridges, keepers of peace, and champions of the next generation. **Guide our hearts today not in fear or gloom, but in the vibrant light of your love and promise for a restored future. In the joyful spirit of Christ, we pray. 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: "Kum Bah Yah" 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: Isaiah 43:18-19 & Matthew 18:1-5 & 10

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

SERMON: "Walking Together into the Light"

HYMN: MV #157 "I Am a Child of God"

*I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.*

*I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation.
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.*

*I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation.
I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.*

*I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication,
I am a cry for peace I am a cry for peace.*

*I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation.
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.*

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:

Generous Creator, We offer these gifts with cheerful and thankful hearts. Bless these offerings and multiply them, so they may bring light, hope, and practical support to children, families, and communities. Use our lives and our resources to build a world filled with your peace and justice. In the joyful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #678 "For the Healing of the Nations"

*For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.*

*You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go out into the world with bright hope and joyful hearts!

**Be the light that warms, the voice that encourages, and the hands that heal.
Shine God's love wherever you go, and always remember: Every Child
Matters!**

May the Creator bless you with vision and strength, May Jesus Christ walk
beside you with joy and grace, And may the Holy Spirit fill your days with hope,
warmth, and peace, Now and forevermore. **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 birthday cake. Today we celebrate our members born in September.



Thank You to **Betty Cant** for being our greeter, to **Valerie Zuk** for being our worship leader, to **Anthony Scaringi & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to the **Kitchen Helpers** for coffee & treats after the service and to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo Xu** for livestreaming our Service.

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.



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

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.



Online Wine Purchases until September 28; Vineland Estates will contribute 20% of purchases to emergency food & support programs.



3rd Annual Collation for the Homeless: Thanks to you, this congregation has



been very generous in the last 2 years towards those less unfortunate. 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 Help Required: Calling all knitters, crocheters, sewers and cooks; Please help us by 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.



Volunteer leaders are required for the Sunday School.



It will be one Sunday/month 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.

The Senior Choir has begun their weekly choir practices, Thursdays @ 7pm in the sanctuary. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested, please contact Lisa Brillon at brillonmusicstudio@gmail.com.



Construction on York Rd. from Tanbark Rd. to Concession 3 Rd. (in front of our church building) will be occurring for the month of September, or so we were told! When it does occur, access may be restricted to one lane. More information on the bulletin Board.





In Harmony with God's Creation

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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