



RECOGNITION OF TERRITORY AND TREATY

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishnaabe first peoples, covered by the Fort Albany Treaty in 1701. With respect for their history, their spirituality and their culture, we give thanks for God's gift of gathering in this space on this land.

AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Port Nelson is an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada. We affirm, include, and celebrate people of every age, race, belief, culture, ability, income level, family configuration, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation in our life and ministry.

PORT NELSON NOTEBOOK NOVEMBER 21, 2021



OUR VALUES

Affirming ~ Caring ~ Growing Spiritually ~ Reaching Out



HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

WELCOME! We are glad you have joined us for worship. **LARGE PRINT** bulletins and music books are available, as well as assistive hearing devices for improved sound, please speak to an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

A **staffed Nursery** for infants and toddlers, with a pager system, is available from 10.00am. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

Sundays at 10.30am

Adventure Crew is for children SK to Grade 5 to explore Christianity through stories, music, crafts and games.

Contact Sharon Holmes: sharon@portnelson.ca

Pinnacle Young Leaders is for youth in Grades 5 – 12 to build leadership skills and explore current issues from a faith perspective. Contact Jay Poitras: jay@portnelson.ca

UPCOMING SERVICES SUNDAY 10:30AM

November 28	First Sunday of Advent
December 5	Second Sunday of Advent <i>Celebration of Communion</i>
December 12	Third Sunday of Advent <i>Annual Gifts Service led by Pinnacle Youth</i>
December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 19	4.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols <i>in-person and live streamed</i>
Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve
7.00pm	Family service with pageant
11.00pm	Candlelight Communion service

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

To support the Church's Ministries, please see options below:

E-transfer – office@portnelson.ca

Online giving – www.portnelson.ca

Credit/Debit – accepted in the office and after worship

Cheques – can be mailed, or dropped off to the church

Cash – can be dropped off to the church office

Offering envelopes are available in the seats; if you would like your own envelopes, or if you would like to begin **PAR (monthly pre-authorized remittance)**, contact the church office. Unless designated otherwise, offerings will go to General Funds.

TODAY

Sunday worship service will also be Livestreamed on our Port Nelson YouTube channel at 10.30am.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/portnelsonunitedchurch>

Greeters:

Ushers: George Leckie, Sharon Hollingsworth, Marilyn Parsons, Ginny Swain

AV: Chris Emery, Miriam Ridge, Grant Sweeny

Online Greeter: Cathy Greven

THE WRIGHT LIBRARY GRAND RE-OPENING

Sunday November 21 - Please join us for this exciting event immediately following the worship service! Come and view the new books, the library set up and our new barcode system for signing out books. There will also be a book display from the Grand River Bookstore for your perusal in the Roseland Room. Please purchase and donate a book to the library in memory of someone or from your family. You are welcome to Christmas shop, too!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Donna Duncombe	21	Joanne LeBlanc
4 Alyson Wall	22	Bren Thomblison
8 Brian Duncombe	28	June Wright
9 Claire Sweeny	29	Jacki Kingston
11 Gail Kiefhaber	30	Charlotte Tays
11 Yvonne LeBlanc		



The Staff of Port Nelson United Church

Rev. Dr. Michael Brooks, Lead Minister
 Rev. Karen Eade, Pastoral Care Minister
 Rev. Candy Harvey, Volunteer Associate
 Jennifer Bath, Operations Manager
 Dr. Stillman Matheson, Director of Music
 Sharon Holmes, Developer of Children's Ministry
 Jay Poitras, Developer of Youth Ministry
 Hannah Carvell, Nursery Coordinator
 Riley Denver, Communications
 Roy Campbell, AV Technician
 Brian Stewart, Church Custodian
 Jocelyn Birkes, Security/Lock-up
 Paul Pincente, Bookkeeper

SERVING AND CARING

Food Voucher Program – Participants in this program will continue to be contacted by telephone and gift cards will be mailed to those in dire need.

Please indicate “Food Vouchers” when making a donation.

Meals of Hope – Our generous volunteers have been busy making and packing meals in our kitchen every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday for delivery to Wellington Square for distribution on Fridays, and to the Gore Park Community in Hamilton on Saturdays. If you wish to help, contact Nancy McKenzie or Pat Gilmore: nancymckenzie59@gmail.com or patgilmore3@gmail.com
Please indicate “Meals of Hope” when making a donation.

Burlington Food Bank – Donations of food can always be left at the church or in the bins of our local grocery stores, Costco or Burlington’s Fire Halls. Financial donations can be made through the church or sent directly to the Burlington Food Bank 1A–1254 Plains Road East Burlington, ON L7S 1W6 www.burlingtonfoodbank.ca
Please indicate “Food Bank” when making a donation.

SMALL GROUPS

Meditation Mondays – Family Room
Monday evenings 7:00pm – 8:30pm



Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we live. Dress comfortably and wear a mask. We will try to accommodate both new members and more experienced meditators. Please arrive early so we can start promptly at 7pm. All are Welcome! If you would like to attend contact Laurel Grace: laurelg43@gmail.com

Zoom Café

Tuesdays at 2.00pm via ZOOM



An opportunity to connect with others online for check-in, prayer, discussion and blessing. The Zoom link can be found in the weekly newsletter or on our website at: portnelson.ca

Caring Wisdom Circle

Thursdays at 1.30pm – Family Room



Join us in the Family Room for an open gathering of caring people sharing their life journey and learning from one another. We are guided by inspirational readings that challenge and support our spiritual growth. Please contact Laurel Grace: laurelg43@gmail.com

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS & GROUPS

The Advent Calendar of Devotions for 2021 is now available in the Gathering Place. Feel free to take a copy for your own personal daily devotions during Advent, which begins next Sunday, November 28. The devotions are based on the same readings and topics we will explore during Sunday services. If you would like to join in discussion with others about the topics in the booklet there are two opportunities to do so:

Advent Reflection Groups:

Tuesdays at 2pm, beginning November 30 on Zoom (link found at portnelson.ca) – led by Marilyn Parsons

Wednesdays at 12noon beginning December 1 in-person at the church – led by Michael Brooks

For the Wednesday gathering you are invited to bring your own bag lunch

DONATION - FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM

A donation has been made to Port Nelson’s Food Voucher program in memory and in honor of Ruth Borthwick by her children Barbara, Cathy and John Borthwick, and their Families. Ruth, and her husband, John, were long time members of Port Nelson, contributing in many ways to the life and work of our community.

We are grateful for this contribution!

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

We will need your help again this year to support some of the many needy families in our community at Christmas. We are looking for shoppers and people to deliver the children's gifts. You will be compensated for the cost of the gifts. If you are interested in helping out Please contact Carolyn Ellison [905-637-9741](tel:905-637-9741) / hal.ellison@sympatico.ca Thank you!



ADVENTURE CREW - ACTION FOR ANIMALS

For the month of November, the Adventure Crew will be collecting donations for the Burlington Humane Society. The following is a list that the BHS needs:

Puppy Training Pads; Medium Size Cat Litter Boxes; Feline Formula for kittens - KMR or Royal Canin Babycat; Durable Dog and Cat Toys; Cardboard Scratch Pads for Cats & Pipe Cleaners; Wet Cat Food Lids; Large Refill Bottles of Hand Soap; Canada & U.S. Stamps; Gift Certificates from Pet Food or Grocery Stores; Canadian Tire Money; Dryer Balls

Please place donations in the labelled red bin in the parking lot entrance. We will be delivering the items the first week of December.

STAFFING UPDATE - CUSTODIAL

As the use of the church building continues to increase this fall, the Ministry and Personnel (M & P) Committee has determined that there is the need for full time custodial staffing. Our current custodian, Brian Stewart, was hired part-time last spring during the lock-down. Brian has indicated he is not interested in full-time employment. His last day of work at Port Nelson will be this Friday, November 26. M & P is in the process of hiring a new full-time custodian. An outside cleaning company has been contracted to provide essential custodial services until a new custodian is in place.

PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED

Effective Sunday, November 28, for those who are eligible, **proof of full vaccination (two doses) will be required to attend all worship services and events at Port Nelson.** The only exceptions to this policy will be wedding ceremonies and funeral services which is consistent with Ontario regulations and guidelines. If you have not done so already, please provide the church with your proof of full vaccination in one of three ways:

Email your proof of vaccination certificate (your second dose certificate is sufficient) to: office@portnelson.ca; you may obtain your certificate by visiting this website: <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>

Bring your proof of vaccination certificate in person to the church office during office hours and a scan of the certificate will be taken

Bring your QR code in person to the church office during office hours and the Office Administrator will verify it has been seen

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