



#### CORE VALUES

A Sense of Community

Affirming

Caring

Growing Spiritually

Meaningful Worship

Reaching Out

### ***Growing Spiritually***

*We recognize at Port Nelson that each one of us is on a journey through life and that many people have a deep desire to grow spiritually. We believe that this growth happens in many ways through worship, prayer, study, service, action and more. The prophet Isaiah said, "See I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19) With eagerness we continue to anticipate many new ways that we can help one another grow spiritually.*



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# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

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## Adventure Crew

Adventure Crew is for children aged 5 to 12. Each Sunday we gather with the church family in the worship space for the first 10 minutes of the service, then we “take harbour” for our own fun, learning and growing. We explore Bible stories and topics of faith. There are typically 15-20 children participating. All snacks and food prepared is nut-free, and we are happy to accommodate other allergies or dietary restrictions.

**Sundays 10.30am to 11.30am**

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## Children’s Ensemble

The Ensemble sings and plays hand chimes during worship services periodically throughout the year. No prior musical experience is necessary.

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## Friday Family Fun Nights

A monthly gathering of children and young families for movies and food, as well as themed nights throughout the year (Hallowe’en haunt, Christmas crafts, etc.). All families are welcome.

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, 6pm to 8:30pm**

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## GLEE Camp

Summer Day Camps for children aged 5 to 12 provide an affordable, quality summer day camp experience in a Christian setting. Typically about 250 children register, and the camps are led by a Camp Director and team of youth and young adults from Port Nelson Church. Each week of camp has a theme, and activities include music, arts & crafts, sports and much more!

**Registration: March of each year**

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## Nursery

We offer a professionally staffed nursery for infants and toddlers during morning service. A trained Early Childhood Education Nursery Coordinator works with a team of qualified volunteers. Our nursery space is well-equipped, including a pager system that is used to keep in touch with families during the worship service if the need arises. Simply ask one of the greeters or ushers when you arrive for worship and they will assist you.

**Sundays (Sept. – June) 10am-11:45am**

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## PA Days

On many Halton School Board designated Elementary PA Days there is a program that runs from 9am to 3pm for children based on a particular theme. Limit of 20 registrants! Check the church website for program offerings.

**Periodic Fridays from 9am to 3pm**

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## Pinnacle Young Leaders

Pinnacle is for youth in grades 6 to 12. Each Sunday we gather with the church family in the worship space for the first 10 minutes of the service, and then we gather for discussion on current events from a faith perspective, leadership development and shared friendship. There are typically 15-20 youth participating.

**Sundays 10.30am to 11.30am**

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## Confirmation

For youth in grades 9 and 10 who wish to explore questions of faith, belief and belonging. Program includes monthly discussions, visits to outreach activities in the community, and an annual retreat.

**Periodic Sundays from 11.45am to 1pm**

**Confirmation Service in May**

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## “Just Chatting” Facebook Group

A Facebook group for post-secondary students to share perspectives on living faithfully away from home amid the stresses of school, friends and future careers.

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