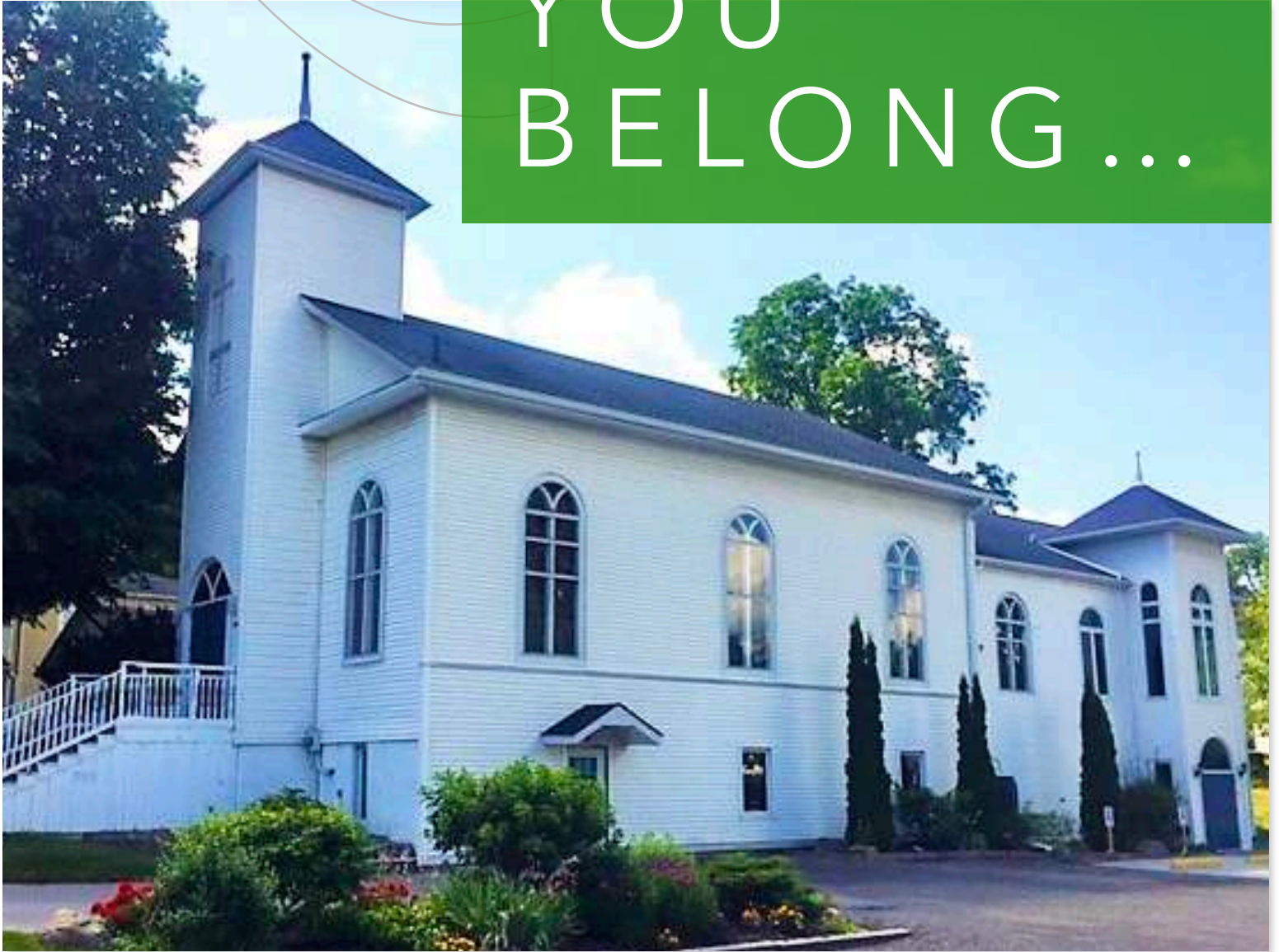




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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome

At St. John's, you will find a warm smile, the handshake of fellowship and a community of Christians seeking to follow Christ, love God and serve others.

We gather together joyfully, grateful to find true belonging in Christ. We lift each other up in times of struggle and celebrate each other in times of thanksgiving. There is room in our worship for you. There is room at the Lord's table for you. Join us. You belong.

About Us

Our Mission:

To glorify God and bless others through our worship, witness, and work in the name of Jesus.

Our Beliefs:

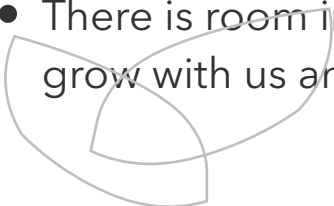
- God is the loving Creator of all things who made humankind in His own image.
- God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as the way for us to live and love like Him. Jesus died on a cross to bring freedom and forgiveness that we might be called children of God. The Holy Spirit who raised Jesus to life again is our hope for new life on earth, and in heaven.
- We are called to know Jesus and make Him known through the leading and power of the Holy Spirit, growing God's Kingdom in love for the world.
- God calls us to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with Him. (Micah 6:8)

Our Values:

- We are a Christ-centered church blessed by God and living our faith through worship, witness and doing His work.
- We value the loving relationships we have within our community.

Our Invitation:

- There is room in our church family for you! Please feel free to grow with us and help shape our future together.





Seeking God's will for the future of our church

Our Team

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Our Activities



At present, Sunday worship leadership is provided by a variety of people including our interim moderators Rev. Terry Ingram and Rev. Bob Quick, Minister in Association Rev. Helen Hartai and lay preachers Joan Sine and Cheryl Potts.

Sunday worship

We enjoy meeting every Sunday at 10am to worship God together. We connect with God and each other through prayer, singing, and hearing God's Word to us in the Bible. We'd love for you to join us, come as you are!

Communion

We celebrate Communion the first Sunday of every month, BYOB-style (Bring Your Own Bread & Beverage). If you forget to bring your own, no worries, we've got you covered.

Community care

Our church loves to gather together in Jesus' name to celebrate God's good gifts, and learn about each other and our community. We regularly host free community awareness events on a variety of topics. Recent topics included mental health awareness and dementia-friendly communities.

Cultural care

We are a host site for the Lake Scugog Studio Tour

organized by Scugog Arts of which we are a member.

Scugog Township is situated on the Treaty and traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We are committed to building relationships based on justice, love of neighbour, and mutual respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Creation care

Our Peace Garden is a quiet place of natural beauty, perfect for reflection and prayer, designed with stewardship of God's planet in mind.

Congregation care

Presbyterians love to gather both as a church family and with friends in the broader community. Fun and fellowship events are held on a regular basis including themed dinners such as the ever popular Irish Night. Our annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale is also a big hit in the community.

Often, the net proceeds of paid events go to

support local charities such as the food bank and the hospice.

Our Worship Team holds services at the community's retirement residence and the adjacent nursing home. The Men's Group organize events, such as the hot chocolate stand at the annual Santa Claus parade. They also get together monthly for fellowship and a hearty breakfast at a local family restaurant.

One intrepid member looks after an extensive library for those looking for Christian-themed reading material. Another heads up a prayer team and organizes a collective prayer for those going through difficult times.

Elders are in regular contact with their members to both help celebrate good news and to offer comfort in times of need. Many individual members are also actively engaged in pastoral care, visitations and other outreach activities.

Sunday service 10am



Our Dreams

The congregation of St. John's desires to continue to be a welcoming place of worship in the community.

Presbyterians have been serving the Scugog area for over 160 years. St. John's Presbyterian Church held its first Sunday service on January 3, 1869 at our current location on Queen Street in Port Perry.

We are thankful that God has blessed us with a purpose and we continue to seek His direction as we strive to honour Him.

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. ' –

Jeremiah 29:11.



*“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.”
(Psalm 100:2-3)*

What to expect at our Sunday service?

Our services are held upstairs in our sanctuary. For those that need it, a small elevator is available to access the upper floor of our building.

Entering the sanctuary, you hear the buzz of friendly chatter interspersed with laughter. Some mornings, the choir is getting in one last practice before service begins.

Music begins to fill the air as our pianist settles in at the grand piano. You won't find an order of service, but not to worry! We use a

projection screen at the front of the sanctuary to guide our worship. Here you will find the words to our hymns, responsive readings and prayers.

Worship leaders use our audio system to ensure all are able to comfortably hear the messages they have prepared.

On select Sundays after service, we gather in our 'Friendship Hall' on the lower level for coffee and tea and friendly conversation.

God's spirit of love and community is in this place and we look forward to welcoming you to St. John's in beautiful Port Perry.



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