

Port Williams United Baptist Church

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Sunday, December 10, 2017

10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to Port Williams United Baptist Church.

During this season of Advent, we pray that our worship services will bring to you the hope, peace, joy and love that light the way toward Christmas. Visitors are encouraged to sign our guest book (at the back of the sanctuary) or to fill out a Visitor Card (in the pew) before leaving. Thank you.

* indicates that the congregation is invited to stand

WE APPROACH GOD

Holy, Incarnate God, we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Free us from the empty sentiment and materialistic pressures that cast their shadows upon the season. Through our worship, move us toward the pursuit of true peace, seeking only you, and your will in our lives. Amen.

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. John Churchill

Announcements

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

Rev. Barbara Bishop

* **Hymn of Praise** “Hark the Glad Sound”

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The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace:

Reader One: Isaiah the Prophet reassured the people, saying,
 ”God is sending words of comfort to you, speaking
 tenderly to you. God promises that even when you
 go wrong, you can be forgiven, doubly forgiven
 even.”

Reader Two: Go up to a high mountain, and call out the good
 news! Lift your voices up with strength and call out
 the good news! Do not be afraid! Your God is
 coming.

Reader Three: Our God is mighty, but our God is also gentle. God loves the flock and will feed it just the way a shepherd would, holding us close like lambs and guiding us, old and young.

Reader Four: We wait for God's peace and live in God's hope as we light these candles.

(Please pause as we light two candles, then respond.)

All: Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!

Advent Song: "A Candle Is Burning" (vs 2) 6
A candle is Burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

* **Prayer of Approach (Unison)**

Ministry in Music "We Wait" Sanctuary Choir

* **Children's Hymn** "Star Child" (In pew) vs 1,2

Children's Time

* **Children's Hymn** "Star Child" vs 3,4,5

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering

* **Offertory**

Offertory Response "In the Bleak Midwinter" (vs 4) 55

What shall I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what can I give him--- give my heart. Amen.

Preparation for Prayer “Gloria” 37

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia. (X3)

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn of Preparation “On Jordan’s Bank” 20**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Budd Miller

Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.517)

Reading from the Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8 (p.27)

Sermon: “*The Sound of Christmas*” Rev. Barbara Bishop

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response “Born in the Night, Mary’s Child” 95**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs 2) 35

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He hath opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.

Jesus Christ was born for this! Jesus Christ was born for this!

Postlude and Quiet Reflection

Today’s Candle of Peace is lit by a representative of each voice type from our Sanctuary Choir. We thank our choir, and Christianne, our Music Director, for their gifts of worship each week. Their music lifts our hearts toward God.