

Port Williams United Baptist Church

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Sunday, December 31, 2017
10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to **Port Williams United Baptist Church** today.
We pray you will find our fellowship warm and our worship meaningful.
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

As seeds are transformed into green shoots, our lives are transformed by Your Grace, O God. In your wisdom You have created us, redeemed us, sustained us. You promise always to make us new, for You came to us in the brand new flesh of a baby. Come to us now, so that we may put aside the old ways that bind us, and live anew in Your promise of love that lives forever. 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** “When Heaven’s Bright With Mystery” **93**

Prayer of Approach (as printed above)

Responsive Reading Psalm 148 **870**

Ministry of Music

* **Children's Hymn** “What Child is This?” **(vs 1) 74**

Children’s Time

* **Children's Hymn** “What Child is This?” **(vs 2,3) 74**

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering

- * **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** ‘T’was in the Moon of Wintertime” 71

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Carol Ann Burden

Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 61: 10,11 (p. 536)
Reading from the Gospels: Luke 2: 22-40 (p.45)

Sermon: “*New Clothes for Christmas*” Rev. Barbara Bishop

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** “Go Tell It On the Mountain” 43

* **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.

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

Postlude and Quiet Reflection