

PORT WILLIAMS United Baptist Church

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Celebrating



*years of
Christian Ministry
1868-2018*

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Remember Rejoice Rededicate

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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

We are made, the scriptures of all religions assure us, in the image of God. Nothing can change that original goodness. Whatever mistakes we have made in the past, whatever problems we may have in the present, in every one of us this "uncreated spark in the soul" remains untouched. . . . Even if we try with all our might to douse or hide it, it is always ready to set our personality ablaze with light.

— Eknath Easwaran

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

Announcements

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Invocation

* **Hymn** This is the Day

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* **Litany:**

In the beginning.....

The dance began to swirl and ponder.

In the beginning, all was dark.

And the dance cast forth bright light.

In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.

In our beginning, God blessed us.

And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.

Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

Yet in the midst of it all, the Lord of the Dance is with us.

This dance, called Life, is everywhere— in the light and in the dark. It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

How shall we dance our dance for God?

We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that he taught to us, so that others may join the dance.

Praise be to the Lord of the Dance, the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life! Amen. ~ written by Nancy C. Townley

Special Music I Believe in a Hill Called Calvary Terry Webber

Scripture Psalm 24 Ron Baxter

* **Children's Hymn** Jesus Came, A Child like Me **583 vs 1-2**

Children's Moment

* **Children's Hymn** Jesus Came, A Child like Me **583 vs 3-4**

The Offering How Long Has It Been Terry Webber

Offertory Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen.

* **Hymn of Preparation** Immortal Invisible **264**

Scripture Galatians 5:16-23 Ron Baxter

Morning Prayer Susan DeMont

Lead me, God,
lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me to dwell in safety.

Sermon Cultivating Our Spiritual Gardens: Goodness Don Flowers

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** I Danced in the Morning **352**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** Sent Forth by God’s Blessing **481 vs 2**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.



Port Williams United Baptist Church

welcomes and affirms all persons, regardless of race, class, origin,
sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We welcome as members those who profess “Jesus is Lord.”

We receive members through baptism or by transfer of letter
from another congregation.

You are welcomed here and invited to be a part of our community.

If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book at the back of the
sanctuary or fill out a visitor card found in the pews.