

# PORT WILLIAMS United Baptist Church

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*Celebrating*



*years of*  
*Christian Ministry*  
*1868-2018*

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*Remember Rejoice Rededicate*

*Sunday, August 19, 2018*

**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**

*A gentle person treads lightly, listens carefully, looks tenderly, and touches with reverence. A gentle person knows that true growth requires nurture, not force.*

*Let's dress ourselves with gentleness. In our tough and often unbending world our gentleness can be a vivid reminder of the presence of God among us.*

— Henri J. M. Nouwen

### \* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

### **Announcements**

### **Prelude**

Dr. Christianne Rushton

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

### **Invocation**

\* **Hymn**            Now Thank We All Our God

**236**

### \* **Litany:**

God, we are often so wrapped up in the ways we are righteous, in defending every assault on our character.

**We are preoccupied with our schedules and responsibilities, with everything we are striving to do right, with stands we are taking And arguments we are making.**

Let us remember, as we navigate difficult times and engage in difficult conversations the gentleness of Christ;

**Whose gentleness listens quietly**

Is not defensive

**Asks questions**

Humbly accepts correction

**Does not fight back**

Gently endures pressure

**Responds with love.**

Gentleness is not concerned with self-righteousness.

**Gentleness lets pride fall away.**

Gentleness courageously embraces alert quietness.

**Gentleness does not need to defend itself.**

Blessed are the meek and the gentle.

**Blessed is Christ our example,**

Who is lowly, gentle, and humble of heart,

**Who did not exalt himself**

Who allowed the blame of all to be put upon him

**And did not protest.**

Change our hearts, Oh God, toward gentleness

**Toward the deep strength of lovingkindness and  
the confidence of your regard.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD**

**Scripture** Galatians 5:16-23 Daniel Duke

\* **Children’s Hymn** Seek Ye First **356 vs 1**

**Children’s Moment**

\* **Children’s Hymn** Seek ye First **356 vs 2**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**The Offering**

\* **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** For the Fruit of All Creation **227**

**Scripture** Titus 2:15-3:7 Laura Churchill-Duke

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

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: Gentleness Don Flowers

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

- \* **Hymn of Response** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour **665**
- \* **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.

**Postlude and Quiet Reflection**

Dr. Christianne Rushton



**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.

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sanctuary or fill out a visitor card found in the pews.