

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

*Like a lover who spends all his time thinking of his
distant love, God has been thinking of me since before I
was born, for all eternity.*

— Ernesto Cardenal in *Abide in Love*

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

WE PRAISE GOD

Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise** “God, whose Love is Reigning o’er Us” **399**

* **Litany:**

Here, our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds
in our hearts:

**calling us to generous acts,
to share the gifts we have been given.**

Now, our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds
in our land:

**calling us to generous acts,
to open our hearts to all in need.**

In every place, in every moment,
our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds
in all creation:

**calling us to generous acts,
to stand with God's people:
the least, the lost, the little, the last.**

Thom Shuman

Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 NT p. 5 Lana Churchill

* **Children's Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" **226 vs 1-2**

Children's Moment

* **Children's Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" **226 vs 3**

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering

* **Offertory Response** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **541**

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.

Scripture Song of Solomon 2:8-13 OT p. 483 Lana Churchill

Prayers of the People of God Don Flowers

Response "Lead me Lord" **662**

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 **The Making of a Good Life: Love** Don Flowers

Celebration of Communion

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Take My Life" **506**

Invitation to the Table

Sharing the Elements

GOD SENDS US FORTH

- * **Hymn of Response** “O Christian Love” **594**
- * **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

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#### **Port Williams United Baptist Church**

welcomes and affirm 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.