

# PORT WILLIAMS United Baptist Church

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*Celebrating*



*years of  
Christian Ministry  
1868-2018*

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*Sunday, September 23, 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**

*Community is another source of grace.  
In community we are meant to grace one another;  
to be sources of grace; healers by way of grace.*

*Matthew Fox*

\* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

Dr. Christianne Rushton

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

**Invocation**

\* **Hymn**                    “Come in and sit down”                    **395**

\* **Litany:**

God, we know that you made us, male and female,  
All in your image.

**You are above all, throughout all, And in all.**

Your image can be found in fathers, and your image can be  
found in mothers.

**In brothers and sisters, in servants and rulers,**

In shepherds and sheep, in adults and children;

**In men and in women**

**The truth of the divine is reflected.**

Human society has relegated that image of you that is  
feminine

**To the Less-Than and the Other.**

We have worshipped the male and maligned the female.

**We have worshipped the warrior and overlooked  
the nurturer.**

We have worshipped the fact, and ignored the question.

**Forgive us for only assigning value to a part of you and making an idol of it; All the while closing our perception off from a broader picture of your goodness.**

Restore to us an understanding of you that encompasses the sacred feminine, and that helps in turn lift up all of us whose identities reflect your feminine image.

**Our desire is to know you fully and well, and to see you in the vastness of your beauty and majesty.**

*Fran Pratt*

**Ministry of Music** “Come to my heart”

**Scripture** James 3:13-4:4 Ruth Blenkhorn

\* **Children’s Hymn** “Faith of Our Mothers” **580 vs 1**

**Children’s Moment**

\* **Children’s Hymn** “Faith of Our Mothers” **580 vs 2-3**

## **WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD**

**Missions Moment**

*Carol Buckley*

**The Offering**

\* **Offertory Response** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” **544**

In gratitude and humble Trust we bring our best today  
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done. AMEN

\* **Hymn of Preparation** “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar” **590**

**Scripture** Proverbs 31:10-31 Ruth Blenkhorn

**Morning Prayer** Susan DeMont

**Response**

“The Lord’s Prayer”

959

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

**Sermon** The Making of a Good Life: A Good Partner *Don Flowers*

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

- \* **Hymn of Response** “Let all things now living” 242
- \* **Benediction**
- \* **Choral Benediction** “God Be With You” 423

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**Postlude and Quiet Reflection**



**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.

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