

PORT WILLIAMS United Baptist Church

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Celebrating



*years of
Christian Ministry
1868-2018*

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Remember Rejoice Rededicate

Sunday, December 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

The Magnificat: Mary's Song of Praise - And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

Luke 1:46-55 English Standard Version (ESV)

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

WE PRAISE GOD

Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise**

"What Child is This?"

74

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of LOVE

(insert)

The Foran Family - Jocelyn, Greg, Cameron, Charlie and Abe

Advent Song

"One Candle is Lit"

vs 4 *(insert)*

Our Children's Pageant: A CHRISTMAS STAR

Script by Kaikorai Presbyterian Church, adapted by C. Rushton

Directed by Christianne Rushton and Davina Melanson

Sanctuary Choir Anthems: "Star Light, Star Bright" by Grier/Everson

"Come, Follow that Star" by Besig/Price, arr. by C. Rushton

Words for carols found within the pageant play:

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love you Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

RISE UP SHEPHERD

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born
Rise up, shepherd and follow.

(CHORUS)

Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem, Rise up, shepherd and follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd and follow.
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd and follow. (CHORUS)

THE FIRST NOEL

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering

- * **Offertory Response** “In the Bleak Midwinter” **(vs 4) 55**
What can 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 Him my heart. AMEN.
- * **Hymn of Preparation** “Gentle Mary” **46**

Scripture **Luke 1:26-38**

Morning Prayer

Response

“Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark” x3

John L. Bell
and Graham Maule

John L. Bell (b.1949)
and Graham Maule (b.1958)

Musical score for the hymn "Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark". The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics: "Kin - die a flame to light - en the dark and". The bass clef part has a bass line. Chords indicated above the treble clef are Bm, G/B, A, and Bm/A. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics: "take all fear a - way.". The bass clef part has a bass line. Chords indicated above the treble clef are G, A7, and F#.

Message

Hearing the Story a Different Way

Don Flowers

GOD SENDS US FORTH

- * **Hymn of Response** “The Virgin Mary” **73**
- * **Benediction**
- * **Choral Benediction** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” **64**
*O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray
 Cast out our sin and enter in be born to us today
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
 O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel*

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.