

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

*Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing, in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the Highest;
O Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Amen.*

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

WE PRAISE GOD

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Dave Csinos

* **Hymn of Praise** "Hark the Herald"

48

* **Litany** (from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, by Ann Weems, adapted)

ALL: What do I want for Christmas?

Leader: I want to kneel in Bethlehem, the air thick with alleluias, the angels
singing that God is born among us.

People: What do I want for Christmas?

Leader: In the light of the Star, I want to see them come, the wise ones and
the humble.

People: What do I want for Christmas?

Leader: I want to see them come bearing whatever they treasure to lay at
the feet of him who gives his life.

People: What do I want for Christmas?

Leader: To see in that stable the whole world kneeling in thanks for a
promise kept: new life.

People: What do I want for Christmas?

ALL: For in His nativity, we find ours.

Prayers of the People

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

THE NINE LESSONS and CAROLS

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15

God creates the world and declares it to be good

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” **2**

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” **1**

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” **4**

Fourth Lesson Micah 5:2-4

The prophet foretells the glory of little Bethlehem

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” **64**

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

“Angels we have heard on high” **38**

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem where Mary gives birth to her child

“Away in a Manger” **69**

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

“While Shepherds Watched” **75**

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus
“We Three Kings”

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

REFRAIN: O Star of wonder, star of light, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign. (REFRAIN)

Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies. (REFRAIN)

Children’s Moment

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth
“In the Bleak Midwinter” 55

The Offering

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** “Joy to the World” 59

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

We wish you a Merry Christmas, (repeat)
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Postlude



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.