



Epiphany

Worship

*Port Williams United Baptist
Church*

The Worship of God

January 13, 2019

Baptism of the Lord

Opening Meditation

Baptism revives God's icon and makes it radiant. But to produce his likeness God awaits our cooperation. Then it is that grace starts to fill in this icon with God's likeness.

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*** Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. John Churchill

Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise** When Jesus Comes to be Baptized **100**

*** Litany:**

Hear the voice of God, powerful and majestic;
Know the presence of God in whirlwind and flames.

God speaks to us in thunder and fire;

God is revealed in a quiet voice inside us.

See the works of God in the life of Jesus;

Feel the Spirit gently descending on our gathering.

God calls us to ministries of healing.

God accepts and affirm us and fills us with light.

Remember your baptism and sense God's blessing;

Recall God's covenant and dare to live it.

God takes us by the hand and keeps us.

God grants us a spirit of caring and service.

Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Laura Churchill-Duke

Celebration of Baptism

Keira Melanson

Remembering Our Baptism

We thank you God for water. By it you give life to plants, animal and all humankind

We thank you that in the beginning your Spirit of creation moved over the face of the waters.

We thank you for your rainbow covenant promise that emerged from the drowning flood waters.

We thank you for safe passage of our ancestors through the Red Sea, passing from slavery to freedom.

We thank you for quenching the thirst of our ancestors with water from the rock at Horeb.

We thank you for the baptism of Jesus in the waters of the River Jordan.

We thank you for Jesus who stilled raging water, who offered living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life, who washed the disciples' feet to signify their continuing vocation.

We thank you God, that you have led us by still waters.

We thank you for the promise that one day justice will flow like the waters, righteousness like an everflowing stream.

We thank you for creating us in the watery womb of our mothers, and for recreating us in the watery womb of baptism, so as we are buried with Christ into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.” Amen

* **Children’s Hymn** “Will you come and see the Light” vs. 1 **96**

Children’s Moment

* **Children’s Hymn** “Will you come and see the Light” vs. 4, 5 **96**

Ministry of Music “Seek ye first” Sanctuary Choir

The Offering

* **Offertory** “Grant us, God” **540**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully. AMEN

* **Hymn of Preparation** On Jordan’s Bank **20 vs 1,3,5**

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7 Laura Churchill-Duke

Prayers of the People of God Susan DeMont

Response “Come and find” **374 vs. 1**

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos, and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Sermon A Very Personal Epiphany-Your Baptism *Don Flowers*

* **Hymn of Response** We Call Ourselves Disciples **vs. 1,3-5**

Welcoming New Members

Jeff Butler, Carla Mackenzie

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** “Go now in peace” X3 **964**

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

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.