

Lent
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Reconciliation

Worship

Port Williams United Baptist

Church

March 17, 2019

The Worship of God

Opening Meditation

*“You keep using that word,
I do not think it means what you think it means”*

The Princess Bride

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

Announcements

Prelude

Mary Castello

WE PRAISE GOD

Invocation

* **Hymn** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” **264**

* **Litany:**

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God’s face and the assurance of God’s holy love:

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!
Be our guide and our light instead!**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God’s dwelling place all the days of
our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of
God’s home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is
among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Luke 13:31-35

Ron Baxter

Prayers of the People of God

Don Flowers

Ministry of Music “A Lenten Meditation”

Sanctuary Choir

* **Children’s Hymn** “Be Thou my vision” **642 vs. 1**

Children’s Moment

* **Children’s Hymn** “Be Thou my vision” **642 vs. 5**

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

* Hymn	“Take time to be holy”	672
Scripture	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Ron Baxter

Call to Reconciliation

God's face is not hidden from us, but turns to us full of grace and mercy. God does not turn away from us in horror, but reaches out to gather us together as brothers and sisters. Let us trust such a God with our prayers of confession, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

Refuge of our hearts, we must speak of how we have not made you the center of our lives. We look for shelter in the false security of the world, not in your promises.

Our fears are driven by our emotions and decisions, not by our trust in you. We look to the powerful, the beautiful, the athletic to be our role models, instead of the One who comes in your name.

Have mercy on us, our Light and our Hope, and touch us with your forgiving grace. Fill our hearts with your presence, so we might recognize the One who has come to gather us up and lead us into your Kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

God does not give us up to the temptations and ways of the world, but shelters us with love, with hope, with grace.

We are forgiven people. Our songs of joy are lifted to the One who forgives us and saves us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response “What wondrous love is this” **147 vs. 1**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Sermon **Misunderstood--Civics** *Don Flowers*

* **Hymn of Response** “Fight the Good Fight”

Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its path before us lies;
Christ is the way, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
God's boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near;
God changes not and you are dear.
Only believe, and Christ shall be
your all in all eternally.

The Offering

* **Offertory** "Give thanks" **522**

Give thanks, my soul, for labours, that strength and days
employ; but know the Maker's purpose brings toil as well as
joy. Show forth, O God, your purpose; direct our will and hand
to share your love and bounty with all in every land. AMEN.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction** "We shall go out" **586**

*We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.*

Postlude and Quiet Reflection

Mary Castello