

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

You, Lord, are the source of all life, and the giver of so many blessings. You invite us to celebrate with you all that we have and all that we are. Forgive us for the times we have turned down your invitation to come, and feast, and rejoice, and be with you. Help us as we gather in your name to do so in a spirit of praise and wonder. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. John Churchill

Announcements

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

Rev. Barbara Bishop

* **Hymn Of Praise**

“O World of God”

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* **Prayer of Approach** (as printed above)

Responsive Reading Adapted from Psalm 106

Minister: Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,
or declare all his praise?**

Minister: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**People: Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to
your people; help me when you deliver them.**

Minister: When we forget our covenant with you, remind us of how much you have given us, that we might say amen to you, to those beside us in the pews today, to the world that is moving about even know as we gather in our quiet sanctuary.

All: We give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Sanctuary Choir

- * **Children's Hymn** "One More Step along the World I Go" (vs 1, 2) **638**

Children's Time

- * **Children's Hymn** "One More Step along the World I Go" (vs 3,4,5)

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

The Offering

- * **Offertory** "All That We Have"
All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today
To bring good news of hope and joy to cherish on the way.
To feed the hungry, heal the sick, and set the captives free,
To build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.
Amen.

Preparation for Prayer "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer,
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
We seek your guidance through friendship and care,
Loving God, be our prayer.

Prayers of the People

- * **Hymn of Preparation** "Jesus Calls Us" **562**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Kimberly Porter

Reading from the Epistles: Philippians 4: 4-9 (p.154 NT)

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 22: 1-14 (p. 19 NT)

Sermon: “*Say Yes to the Dress*” Rev. Barbara Bishop

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** “We Are God’s People” (insert)

Benediction

* **Choral Benediction** **418**

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace,
Be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
In God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
Till in the kingdom we see face to face.

Postlude and Quiet Reflection

An Important Announcement

On Thursday evening, members of our church gathered to consider the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee regarding a candidate. The members present voted unanimously to extend a call to The Rev Dr. Don Flowers of South Carolina effective January 2, 2018. We prayerfully await his decision.

The Moderator