

Port Williams United Baptist Church

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Sunday, October 8, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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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

*For the richness of harvest, we thank you O God. For apples and
pumpkins and corn and fresh gifts from fields and gardens,
For the richness of faith we find here in your sanctuary,
we thank you O God.*

*And for the gift of Your presence, Your spirit, in the words and songs
and prayers we offer, we thank you, and pray that our gifts of worship
to you will be an acceptable offering in Your sight. Amen.*

Prelude

Dr. Christianne Rushton

* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. John Churchill

Announcements

Prayer and Preparation

* **Hymn Of Praise** “All Praise To You” **297**

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

Responsive Reading: from Psalm 19

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Choir: Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.

Parents: There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.

Children and Youth: Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

Minister: He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoices like a strong person to run a race.
Its rising is from one end of heaven,
And its circuit to the other end;

Congregation: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

Ministry of Music “We Gather Together” Sanctuary Choir

* **Children's Time: Music, Music, Music!**

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** “We Plough the Fields” **520**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Rev. Dr. John Churchill

Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 5: 1-7 (p.491)

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 21: 33-46 (p.18)

Sermon:

“Safe in the Vineyard”

Rev. Barbara Bishop

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* **Hymn of Response** “ Jesus, Come to Our Hearts” **324**

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