

# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*Gathered in London 1616 - Present Meetinghouse Erected in 1717*  
A Church in the Congregational Tradition  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
West Barnstable, Massachusetts



## **THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**

January 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*“We should renew our desire for the Christ  
with the determination as the magi.  
What ever it takes” - The Rev. Jose Gomez*

All are invited to stay for the full service today.  
Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary service.

## OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As a congregation which covenants to walk together in Christian love,  
believes that all persons are created equal before God,  
and affirms the inclusive love of Jesus Christ,  
we welcome to our work and worship all people  
regardless of race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation,  
ability, or economic circumstance.

*Adopted at Annual Meeting, June 26, 2005*

## GOD GATHERS US

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

John Henry Hopkins, Jr./arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Robert Naylor

*One: We gather at the beginning of a new year....*

**Many: To praise God for the many blessings of the past year.**

*One: We gather here.....*

**Many: To find the hope and courage we will need to journey through the coming year.**

*One: We gather here.....*

**Many: To remind ourselves that we do not travel alone on the journey and that we have companionship of God's ever present Spirit and of each other as we go out not knowing what the future will hold for us.**

*One: O God our help in ages past and our hope for years to come may the starlight that led the magi lead us in living Christlike innconcent love as we venture out into this new year!*

### \* HYMN #134 (Green)

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*One: At this Christmas season we have seen perfect love shining from a manger. We realize that even with our best efforts we fall short of reflecting the light of Christ's love in all that we say and do. We therefore come to humble ourselves as we seek God's grace.*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, the calendar tells us that we have the chance to revise the direction of our lives, to make righteous resolutions, to put our lives back on the right path again. Loving God, whisper a word to us today that will challenge us to grow in**

our commitment to you. In the coming year instill in us a humility that will overcome any arrogance in us so that we will be able to listen to others with a discerning mind. Stop us in our tracks to be awed by wonder and be called to service when we see great need. Renew, redeem when we lose our way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*One: Hear the promises of God...*

**Many: If we recognize when we fall short of following Jesus....**

*One: God will forgive us....*

**All: And will again lighten our way with the glow from the manger!**

*One: Thanks be to God!*

SOLO

“Rejoice and Be Merry”

David Halls

### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

“Altered Itineraries”

Rev. Naylor

### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN

“Good King Wenceslas” - *Carol for the Feast of Stephen*

Regular: All; Italics: *Light - Men*; **Bold - Women**

Good King Wenceslas looked out,  
on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about,  
deep and crisp and even;  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
tho' the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
gath'ring winter fuel.

*“Hither, page, and stand by me,  
if thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?”*  
**“Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
underneath the mountain;  
Right against the forest fence,  
by Saint Agnes' fountain.”**

*“Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,  
bring me pine logs hither:  
Thou and I will see him dine,  
when we bear them thither.”*

Page and monarch, forth they went,  
forth they went together;  
Through the rude wind’s wild lament  
and the bitter weather.

***“Sire, the night is darker now,  
and the wind blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know not how;  
I can go no longer.”***

*“Mark my footsteps, good my page.  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage  
freeze thy blood less coldly.”*

In his master’s steps he trod,  
where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod  
which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor,  
shall yourselves find blessing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO PRAYER

*One: God be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

*One: Let us pray.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not**

**into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SOLO

“I Wish I’d Been In Bethlehem”

Natalie Sleeth

INVITATION TO OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,  
our financial gifts support our ministries here and in the wider community.  
Text to Give instructions are on the back page.*

**BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED**

(Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ’s presence.)

INVITATION

HYMN # 162 (Green)

We Three Kings vs. 1,2

KINGS OF ORIENT

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\* HYMN # 162 (Green)

We Three Kings vs. 3,4

KINGS OF ORIENT

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Joy To The World

Tune: *Antioch* by G. F. Handel/arr. Lani Smith

*(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)*

\* All who wish, please stand.

**All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.**

**Thank you to Rev. Bob Naylor for leading us in worship today.**

Bob Naylor has preached at West Parish on numerous occasions. He has served churches in Danbury, Simsbury, and Greenwich, CT. He also served in UCC Conference and National Staff ministries. He is the author of the Pilgrim Press, *What Church Leaders Really Need to Know*. He is the lead consultant with a church and clergy consulting and coaching ministry, In Church Imagining. He lives with his “true” Congregationalist wife, Gretchen, in Mashpee.

## PRAYER LIST

*May the presence of Jesus Christ be with those on our prayer list and with those who care for them.  
The prayers of the congregation are asked for:*

### New to the Prayer List

**Peter Abraham** (Rich's brother)  
**Roberta Booze** (Robin Miller's mother)  
**Margaret and Bill Brummel** (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)  
**Josephine Bugryn** (Joy Indomenico's sister)  
**Sandyi & Ken Campbell** (friends of Dianna Henson)  
**Chris G.** (friend of Christie Burns and Reed Baer)  
**David Darling**  
**Ellen Davis**  
**Judy Desrochers**  
**Betsy Eidem** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Sean F** (friend of Rebecca Moberg & the Moberg family)  
**Tim Foster** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Steve Gaddis** (Susan Moeller's nephew)  
**Jenny Giering** (friend of Christie Burns)  
**Jay Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' brother)  
**Sharon Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)  
**Lee Haselton**  
**Barbara Hall** (friend of the Siedsmas)  
**Jeanie Hill and family** (friends of Greg Williams)  
**Brian Hughes** (neighbor of Joyce Joakim)  
**Mike Hovan** (friend of Dan Enos)  
**Jason** (nephew of Joy Indomenico)

**Scot Johnson**  
**Rosanne Kean** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Marty Lichterman** (one of Van Northcross's best friends)  
**Ann Lee** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Bob Lonkart**  
**Marisa Lonkart** (Georgia's and Bob's daughter-in-law)  
**Jackie Mague**  
**Brad Martin** (friend of Marianne and Greg Williams)  
**Stewart Nelson** (friend of Lynn & Randy Parker)  
**Jack Parmer** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Randy Parker**  
**Joan Perry**  
**Sylvia Powers** (friend of Barbara Rogers)  
**Savannah**  
**Alexis Teixeira** (Cousin of Barbara Walsh)  
**Ernie Walsh**  
**Tom & Rhys White** (Bruce and Pat White's family)  
**Lee Williams** (mother of Tripp Grohe's friend, Mark Williams)  
**Nancy Woodman** (friend of Marianne Williams)

*Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.*

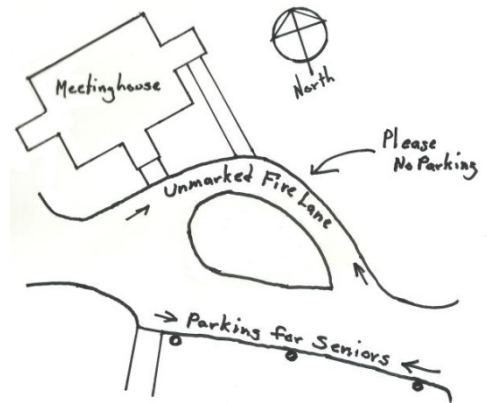
## The Week of January 2, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	1/2/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	1/3/22	12:45 pm 5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/4/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J) Study Group (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/5/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	1/6/22	9:15 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> FS Science (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	1/7/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/8/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	1/9/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ◆ **Assisted hearing devices are available upon request.**
- ◆ **The ushers today are** Margaret & Ted Housman and Karen Datlowe.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** are given today by Jackie Clayton in memory of Paul Clayton.
- ◆ **The flower sponsorship calendar is up!** Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall and check the dates for next year and pick one to sponsor the flowers! For \$32, payable in the office, one of us on the flower committee will put together an arrangement for you and have it in place in the Meetinghouse.

**We ask your cooperation** in protecting the 1717 Meetinghouse by not parking your vehicle in or alongside the teardrop closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

However, more parking is available. At least three, maybe four, spaces can be used on the west side of the Tear Drop for those with mobility issues.



### **Text to Give**

If you haven't tried it out, it's easy:

1. Text 866-586-0169 (the give-by-text number for West Parish) and in the body of the message enter the amount you wish to donate and send.
2. You will receive a registration link. Click on it, enter your contact and payment information then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.

You only need to register and set up your payment information once.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Add "West Parish Give by Text" as a contact on your phone to make it even easier!

If you have questions or would like help setting it up, see Marianne Williams.

### **Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Donna Murphy, Music Director  
Kristen Lind, Family School Director  
Wendy Northcross, Council Chair

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