

# 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*“Now after the magi had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’”*

Matthew 2:13

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

Pastor Reed Baer

PRELUDE

What Child Is This? GREENSLEEVES/arr. Joel Raney

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile and make new.*

**Many: God has entered into our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.**

*One: Therefore we rejoice; praising God and exclaiming,*

**Many: Glory be to God in the highest, on earth, good will among people. Christ is born. Alleluia!**

\* HYMN #488 (Red)

*“Go Tell It On The Mountain”* GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

UNISON PRAYER

**Like those shepherds of long ago, today we come, O God. Our living rooms are still littered with shreds of wrapping paper – and we come.**

**Our refrigerators groan with left-over – and we come.**

**We have received wonderful gifts and feasted extravagantly – and still we come.**

**We come to thank you for our blessings. We come to praise you for your goodness. We come because we hunger for you, because we thirst for the community of your people, because we need the gift of your Word and your presence.**

**Bless our coming with your Spirit, we pray. Grant that we might be strengthened in our faith; healed in our body, mind, and soul; and refreshed by your community.**

**We pray in the name of the One who came to us as Mary and Joseph’s beloved, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together . . .**

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SONG – Carol Sing

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:13-18

MESSAGE “The Original ‘Let’s Take Christ Out of Christmas’” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #167 (Green) “Arise, Your Light is Come!” FESTAL SONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO PRAYER

*One: God be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

*One: Let us pray.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.*

GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #129 (Red) “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Herald Angels

Carl Simone/arr. from "Music of the Church", 1843, by Dr. Samuel Arnold  
*(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)*



## 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 December 26, 2021**

<b>Sunday</b>	12/26/21	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	12/27/21	12:45 pm 5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/28/21	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J) Study Group (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/29/21	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	12/30/21	1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Bridge Group (G) AA (M) AA (M)
<b>Friday</b>	12/31/21	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/1/22		<b>Happy New Year!</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	1/2/22	10:00 am	Worship

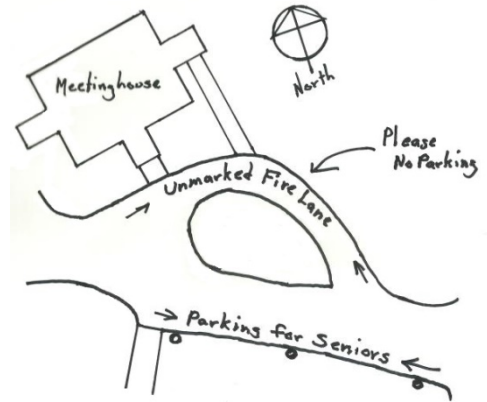
- ◆ **Assisted hearing devices are available upon request.**
- ◆ **The ushers today are** Susan Moeller, Rich Abraham and Ted Gould.
- ◆ **Thank you to all who have sponsored flowers over the past year!** They enhance our services every week. The sponsor sign up calendar for 2022 is now posted on the kiosk in Jenkins Hall. As before, for \$32 payable in the church office you can provide flowers in honor or memory of someone and an arranger will have it in place in the Meetinghouse. Sign up now for your favorite dates!

## *Christmas Poinsettia Sponsors*

- Steve and Mindy Abbott      in loving memory of Howard and Lois Abbott  
and Fred and Martha Strauss
- Rik and Sandy Clark      in memory of Eleanore and Bill MacCallum,  
Doris and Allen Clark and Sharon Clark
- Clayton Family      in memory of Paul Clayton
- Corinne Lilie      my dear pets: Minette, Samantha and Magic
- Jacquie and Don Martin      in honor of Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins and  
her cousin, Jaquie's grandfather, Thornton Jenkins
- Bob and Shirley Stolte      in memory of Alber and Lucia Stolte  
and Alfred and Elizabeth Hodgkins
- Sharon and Bob Wyman      in memory of Sunn and Wes Merritt  
and Evelyn and Edward Wyman
- The 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in memory of:  
William Breisky  
Robert Jones  
Holbrook R. Davis  
Peggy Newton  
Catherine Coffman Crocker  
Miles Leonard  
Lois Leonard  
Rosita Fattler  
William Reiland  
Silja Emrich  
Linda Oberly  
Lucille McCallum  
Judith Rockwell  
Nancy Wood  
Robert Wood  
Frances Dickson  
James W. Gould  
Thomas Jenkins  
Richard White  
Robert W. Bamberg  
Jane Alcock

**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

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor  
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator  
Fred Clausen, Sexton  
Susan Moeller, Deacons Chair

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