

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 26, 2022

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

HOPE

“Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.”

Romans 13:11-12

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:

PROGRESSIVELY UNTRADITIONAL: 21st century minds in a 1717 Meetinghouse!

Embrace diversity.

JOYOUSLY INCLUSIVE: Radically open and affirming, all ages, races, gender and sexual orientation, everyone is welcome exactly as you are.

EXPRESSLY “ON THE WAY”: Faith is a journey. Journey with us!

COMMITTEDLY IN THE COMMUNITY: In helping others, we become our true selves.

GOD GATHERS US



OPENING SONG #137 (green) *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, off-spring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise all souls on earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. We are glad you are here with us today. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, here's Pastor Reed, and here's Steve Gregory and the band and together we are

All: ONE diverse community

Growing up in faith

Reaching out in love

One: It is good when God's people are together here, and so we can rejoice, because,

All: It's Saturday, Let's do church!



CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Advent recognizes the absence of peace,

All: Yet, the exquisite certainty of it's coming.

One: "Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth," said Dietrich Bonhoeffer from prison after fighting Hitler's regime.

All: We are part of the not yet. We wait, we hope, we wonder, what Advent will bring and how our hearts might be opened today.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we remember what Kris Kringle said in the Miracle on 34th Street, "Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind." Help us to make our minds and life a lot more like Christmas. Not the Christmas offered by Black Friday sales, but the Christmas hope of an infant child born to refugee parents who had only a stable to live in and the simplest of foods to survive on. Remind us what is true and good and hopeful about Christmas. And help us to create a world where Christ can enter in again in the world and the chance of a new baby can break open our weary hearts and teach us love alone. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: On the first Advent Sunday, we light one candle.

Each one of us comes to Advent and Christmas alone,
weary or with worry, lonely, excited, confused,
eager for old traditions or new experiences.

People: We light the one candle of **hope**, (*pause, light*)
reminding ourselves
we embrace a season that is different
for each one of us.

Leader: In John's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus
that we each must be born again.

People : Emmanuel, God be with us, in the week to come.
Ignite hope, the most personal emotion there is,
on the wick of each of our lives, so we find others. Amen

Forgive often.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we will sing this in echo fashion)

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 all our sins...

And lead us not... into temptation... but deliver us from evil.

Unison:

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

Echo:

Forever..... and ever....

Our Father... who art in Heaven... hallowed be thy name.

A TIME OF PRAYER



A TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

A SONG OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

Text to Give instructions are on page 9.

Care for the poor.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

THE BREAD OF LIFE
AND THE CUP OF NEW BEGINNINGS
ARE SHARED



(Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.
Whether children receive the elements we leave to their parents' discretion.)
We shall be receiving communion by the ancient practice of intinction.
Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup,
and consume it on the way back to your seat.

INVITATION

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a Covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker
and Communion by intinction.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God, you are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end and all that comes
in between. We give thanks for the simple things of life: bread and juice and
remembrance. Thank you for remembering us even now, even today. Amen.**

The children and their teachers may now go over to Jenkins Hall for Saturday School.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Marshmallow World

Carl Segman



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Romans 13:8-14

MEDITATION

The Taste of Christmas

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #128 (red)

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign;

In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But his mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him
Give my heart.

WORDS OF SENDING

Return now to our world with all its pain and wonder,
Remembering the words of the prophets,
The faithfulness of Mary,
And the longing of all
Who yearn for a sign of hope.
And may the blessing of God who is ever faithful,
The blessing of Christ who still comes to us,
And the blessing of the Holy Spirit who moves within us
And throughout our world,
Rest upon us and abide with us, this day and forevermore.
Amen.

Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

Go in peace
Go in kindness
Go in love
Go in faith
Leave the day
The day behind us
Day is done
Go in grace
Let us go
Into the dark
Not afraid
Not alone
Let us hope
By some good pleasure
Safely to
Arrive at home
Let us hope
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Arrive at home.

WE ARE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

All people, young and old and in-between, are lifted up wherever they are on the journey. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon!

Pastors Christie Burns and Reed Baer

Our "Saturday School" is underway, a special class for our youth, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, during the last 20 minutes of the service. Interested in joining in as a teacher or an extra pair of hands, speak to Reed after church.

Christie holds coffee hours 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Bread & Roses in Hyannis on Mondays. Call, text, or email her for an appointment: 508-494-6409; associatepastor@westparish.org



by recycling this bulletin.

Text to Give!

West Parish is now accepting donations via text! It's easy:

1. Text 866-593-7761 (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 and enter your contact and payment information, and 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!

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Week of November 26, 2022

Saturday	11/26/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/27/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/28/22	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	11/29/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	11/30/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	12/1/22	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	12/2/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	12/3/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service



Christmas Poinsettias

Sponsor our Christmas Poinsettias!

The plants are on order to grace the Meetinghouse during the Christmas season.

Use this form and drop it off or mail it with \$ 12.00 (cash or check) by Dec. 11th
to Susan in the church office or P.O. Box 219, W. Barnstable, MA 02668

Donor _____

Dedication to read: In memory / honor / celebration of

(please print)

The plants will be available to take after the Worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

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