

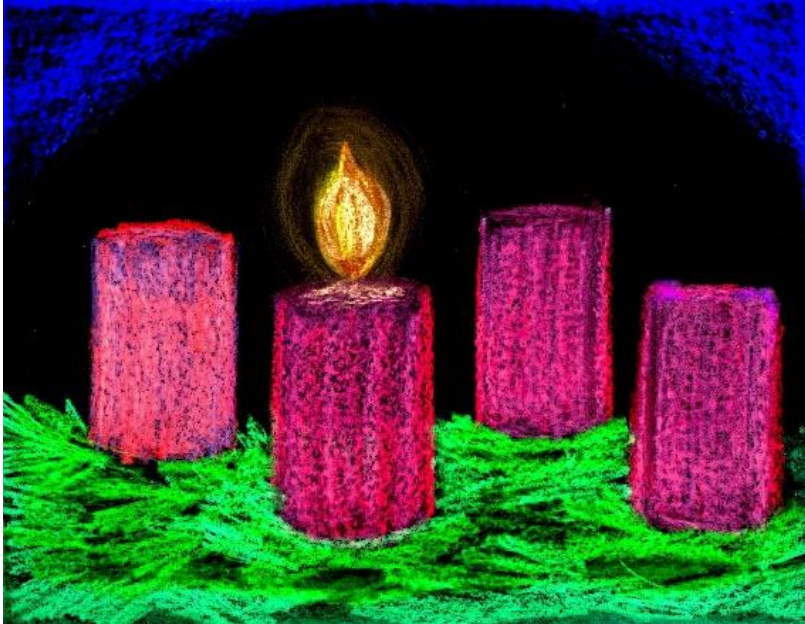
West Parish of Barnstable

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

1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*“All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
‘Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means, ‘God is with us.’”*

Matthew 1:22-23

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

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

One: I will wait for coffee to brew.

Two: I will wait for traffic to clear.

One: I will wait for fruit to ripen.

Two: I will wait for flowers to grow.

One: I will wait for seasons to change.

Two: I will wait for the sun to rise.

One: I will wait for you to say sorry.

Two: I will wait for the doctor to see me.

One: I will wait for the weekend to arrive.

Two: I will wait for my baby's first words.

One: I will wait for Christmas to arrive.

Two: I will wait for a lot of things, but I will not wait for hope.

One: I cannot wait for hope, because I want to live with hope - today and every day.

Two: I want to roll up my sleeves and get to work - living, serving, giving, and transforming with the hope of a better day.

One: So today we light a candle of hope as a reminder and as a prayer that we might stop waiting and start living, stop watching and start moving.

Two: May the light of this candle burn inside us this week - inspiring hope and action for God's promised day. Amen.

The first candle of Advent is lit

*HYMN #114 (Green)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: What can't wait?

Many: Hope for a better day.

One: What can't wait?

Many: Peace and repentance, among and within us.

One: What can't wait?

Many: Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.

One: What can't wait?

Many: Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, and love for creation.

One: God is waiting, and God is ready.

Many: Starting here and now – let us worship Holy God. Amen.

PRELUDE

Of The Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Plainsong, 13th c. -arr. Larry Shackley

UNISON PRAYER

We confess, O God, that we do not always take seriously your coming into our lives. We pray for it, but we also fear it. We don't beat swords into plowshares; we don't seek your instruction; we don't walk in your ways as we might.

As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations, grant that we might have our faith renewed; that we might be strengthened to do your will; that as Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem to birth something new, something new might be birthed in us.

We pray in the name of the One who came to us as a babe in the manger, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying ...

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

SOLO

Now The Heavens Start To Whisper

SUO GAN, Welsh Melody/arr. Thomas Keesecker

MESSAGE

“Christmas ABCs – God With Skin On”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #130 (Red) *“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”* ANTIOCH

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

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.

OFFERTORY

Savior of The Nations, Come

Num Komm der Heiden Heiland, 1524 - Camil van Hulse

*SONG OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All praise, eternal Christ, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #128 (Red) *“In the Bleak Midwinter”* CRANHAM

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES
Setting by John Behnke

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

* All who wish, please stand.

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:*

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Josephine Bugryn (Joy Indomenico's sister)
Faith Clark (sister of Rik Clark)
Ellen Davis
Judy Desrochers
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Christine Hayes (Stepmother of Lauren Abraham)
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)
J.P. Joakim (Joyce Joakim's son)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's daughter-in-law)
Nancy Opp (friend of Bobbie Jordan)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Joan Perry
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savannah (friend of Sharon and John Hunt)
Sophie (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)
Marilyn Swain (Janet Joakim's aunt)
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Mary-Ann Tu
Steve and Heather Walker (friends of Sharon and John Hunt)
Barbara Walsh
Nancy Walsh, John Kolf and Jake McGuire (friend of the Hensons and her grandson)
Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
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 November 27, 2022

Sunday	11/27/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/28/22	11:30 am 5:00 pm	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	Brisge 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
Sunday	12/4/22	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Village Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

Key: FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour over in Jenkins Hall after the service.** Our hosts today are Donna Grohe, Scott Lane and Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in memory of Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ♦ **The Flower Calendar is full!** Thank you to all who have sponsored the flower arrangements this year. A new calendar will be posted soon.
- ♦ **The Coffee Hour sign up** is on the kiosk in Jenkins. If you can spare a little of your time to help with preparing and serving at our Sunday *Coffee Hour* it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. Thank you.



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 _____

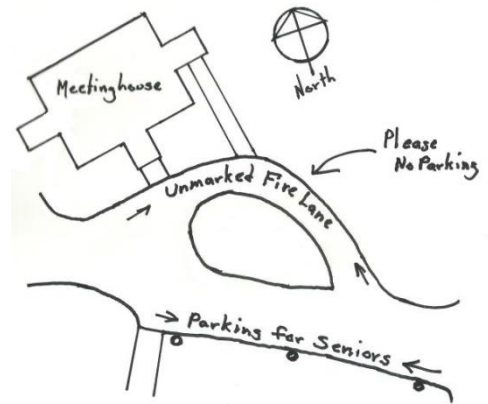
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The plants will be available to take after the Worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

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

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