

***It's Saturday***



# ***Let's Do Church!***

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 17, 2022

4:30 p.m.

**An Unrehearsed Pageant**

*“There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God’s angel stood among them and God’s glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide. A Savior has been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you’re looking for; a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.”*

Luke 2:8-12

## 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



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 Christie, he's Reed, here's Steve, 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 and CANDLE LIGHTING

*Leader: On the Fourth Advent Sunday, we light four candles,  
so bright we see all the world around us –  
and feel, not crowded but amazingly loved.*

*People: We light a candle of deep hope (pause, light)*

*peace shared, (pause, light)*

*joy like fireworks of the heart (pause, light)*

*and now a candle of love connecting all people,*

*all creatures, earth, air, ocean wave,*

with the Story of a Bethlehem warming shelter  
and angel wings. (*pause, light*)

Leader: In the gospel of Luke, Jesus called children,  
welcomed the outcast and the guilty,  
celebrated those on the edges,  
and taught with parables of seed and stone.

People: Emmanuel, God be with us in the week to come  
lighting hope, peace, joy, and love on the wick of our lives,  
so that we may all be known as windows  
for your unconditional welcome for all. Amen.



#### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*One: Into our world as into Mary's womb...*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*One: Into the forgotten places, as into the stable....*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*One: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope;*

*Into the lives of the powerful, bringing cautions;*

*Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest;*

*Into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness;*

*And into our lives and longings,*

*Whatever our estate....*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*One: This is the good news; Christ is coming,*

*And blessed are those who wait on the Lord.*

**All: Therefore come quickly, Lord.**

**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 CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS



## A SONG OF PRAYER

*(During this music, those desiring to do so may come forward  
and light a candle while making a special prayer)*

## INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

*Text to Give instructions are on page 8.*

Care for the poor.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



**Cast List**

Director  
Assistant Director  
Pageant Narrator  
Innkeeper  
Shepherd  
Angel Herald  
The Star

**Part I - Mary and Joseph**

Narrator  
**Sing #134 (Red)**                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (v. 1-2)  
Innkeeper  
Director  
Assistant Director  
Director

**Part II - The Animals**

Pageant Narrator  
**Sing #137 (Red)**                      *Away in a Manger* (v. 1-2)  
Assistant Director  
Shepherd  
Director  
**Sing**                                      **Do You Hear What I Hear?**  
Do you hear what I hear? (hear what I hear?)  
Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see?)  
Way up in the sky, little lamb  
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see?)

A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite  
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear?)  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear?)

A song, a song high above the trees  
With a voice as big as the sea  
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king  
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)  
In your palace warm, mighty king  
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold  
Let us bring him silver and gold  
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere  
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)  
Pray for peace, people, everywhere  
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light

Assistant Director  
Director  
Assistant Director  
Director

### Part III - Angels

Pageant Narrator

**Sing #116 (Red)**

Angel Herald

Director

Assistant Director

Director

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (v. 1-3)

### Part IV - Shepherd

Pageant Narrator

**Sing #160 (Green)**

Shepherd

Assistant Director

Director

Assistant Director

Director

*Go Tell it on the Mountain* (v.1-2)

### Part V - Wise Persons and Star

Pageant Narrator

**Sing #143 (Red)**

The Star

Director

*“We Three Kings”* (v. 1 and 5)

### Part VI - Conclusion

Pageant Narrator

Director

Assistant Director

Director

**Sing # 134 (Red)**

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* (v. 3 - 4)

*The End*

GOD SENDS US FORTH



# Love God.

SUNG BENEDICTION

*Go In Peace*

Rob Leverdige

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  
By some good pleasure  
Safely to  
Arrive at home.

CLOSING MUSIC

*Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*

Irving Berlin





## 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

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES—Bring your relatives and friends!

4:30 p.m. Festive Family Service

8:00 p.m. Candlelight service.

No worship service on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

We resume worship in 2022 on [January 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Epiphany with STAR GIFTS.](#)

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](mailto: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!

**Week of December 17, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	12/17/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	12/18/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	12/19/22	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/20/22	12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Music Lessons (M) Finance (G & Z) AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/21/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	12/22/22	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	12/23/22	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	12/24/22	4:30 pm 8:00 pm	Festive Family Service Candlelight Service

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

**Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
 Donna Murphy, Music Director  
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# BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.*  
*Care for the poor.*

**Forgive often.**

**Reject racism.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

**Embrace diversity.**

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

