## 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 sheepherders 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.



## 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

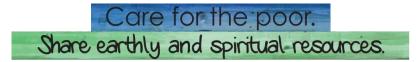


#### A SONG OF PRAYER

(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.



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
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Director

## Part III - Angels

Pageant Narrator

Sing #116 (Red) Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1-3)

Angel Herald

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Part IV - Shepherd

Pageant Narrator

Sing #160 (Green) Go Tell it on the Mountain (v.1-2)

Shepherd

Assistant Director

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Part V - Wise Persons and Star

Pageant Narrator

Sing #143 (Red) "We Three Kings" (v. 1 and 5)

The Star

Director

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





#### 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!

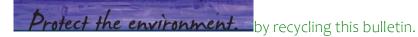
4:30 p.m. Festive Family Service 8:00 p.m. Candlelight service.

## No worship service on Saturday, December 31st

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



### 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					
Saturday	12/17/22	4:30 pm	Worship		
Sunday	12/18/22	10:00 am	Worship		
Monday	12/19/22	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)		
Tuesday	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)		
Wednesday	12/21/22	5:00 pm	AA(J)		
Thursday	12/22/22	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bridge Group (G) AA (J)		
Friday	12/23/22	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)		
Saturday	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 Kristen Lind, Family School Director Wendy Northcross, Council Chair Christine Burns, Associate Pastor Susan McEwen, Office Administrator Joseph Findlay, Sexton Bobbie Jordan, Deacons Chair

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