

*It's Saturday*

WHAT  
CAN'T  
WAIT



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

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 7, 2023

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

Epiphany

**Fight for the powerless.**

“Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again,  
the same star they had seen in the eastern skies.  
It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child.  
They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place!  
They had arrived at the right time!” - Matthew 2:9-10

## 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

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

J. Hopkins

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain:*

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again.  
King forever, ceasing never overall us all to reign.

*Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh:  
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high.

*Refrain*

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, here is Reed. We also have Steve and Bob leading us in worship, as 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 (from Ministry Matters)

One: Darkness is banished!

People: God's light has come to us

O: The brightness of the Star leads us!

P: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!

O: Glory be to God in the Highest!

P: And on earth, peace forever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

STAR GIFTS

As you come forward to light a prayer candle,  
stop and pray for a star gift to guide you on your journey of faith through 2023.  
Take one or two stars that seem to be the right ones.

A SONG OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

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



## PRAYER OF COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative – in the plastic bag – for those whose diet so requires; we serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

### UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We rejoice to be God's chosen,  
To be gathered to God's side  
Not to build a pious shelter  
Or be steeped in selfish pride;  
But to celebrate the goodness  
Of the One who sets us free  
From the smallness of our vision  
To become lights to the world. Amen.

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

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



## SPECIAL SONG

*When You Wish Upon a Star*

N. Washington

Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 2:1-12

MEDITATION

You are a STAR!

Rev. Christine Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #160

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

African-American spiritual

*Refrain:*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain*

WORDS OF SENDING

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

By some good pleasure

Safely to

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](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!

### Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
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### Week of January 7, 2023

Saturday	1/7/23	4:30 pm		Worship
Sunday	1/8/23	10:00 am		Worship
Monday	1/9/23	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses	AA (J)
Tuesday	1/10/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	1/11/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Staff (G) AA (J) WITS at 8 Earl Rd., E. Sandwich
Thursday	1/12/23	1:00 pm 5:00 pm		Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	1/13/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/14/23	4:30 pm		Worship Service

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

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*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**

