

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 after Epiphany

January 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.”

Matthew 2:9

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

*HYMN #143 (Red)

"We Three Kings Of Orient Are" vs. 1, 4,5

KINGS OF ORIENT

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but have the light of life.*

**Many: We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky; and like
the magi, we have come to worship.**

*One: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in
the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Christmas Star

Rex Koury

UNISON PRAYER

The radiance of a star guided the travelers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh. You have given us more than a star, O God, to guide us - you have revealed your glory and your love in the person of Jesus - Light of the world. As we offer our thanks for such wondrous gifts to us, we recognize our responsibility to be bearers of his light and love into the areas of people's lives darkened by pain and fear, poverty and oppression, sorrow and hopelessness.

We confess the times when we choose to go our own way rather than be guided by you - the times when we are reluctant to allow the power and radiance of Christ to flow through us.

**Strengthen us with your Spirit to follow wherever you lead us and to reveal your glory and love through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

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.

ANTHEM

Little Christ Jesus Eleanor Farjeon & David Halls

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

SOLO

Saw You Never in The Twilight

Cecil F. Alexander & Austin Lovelace

MESSAGE

“Lessons From #MyCrecheTake”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #168 (Green)

“As With Gladness Men of Old” vs.1-3

DIX

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 page.

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES

Setting by John A. Behnke

*SONG OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, may we who bear your name
By gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #167 (Green)

"Arise, Your Light is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

March of The Wise Men

George Blake

(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)
Kate Bihler (friend of Robin Fryer)
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)
Joy Indomenico
Dan Joakim (Joyce Joakim's son)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's daughter-in-law)
Rev. Deborah Mahaney (friend of Robin Fryer)
Toula Ntasios (friend of Robin Fryer)
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)
Shirley Stolte
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 grandsons)
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 January 8, 2023

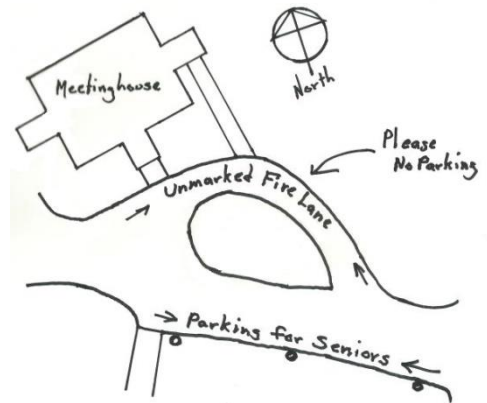
Sunday	1/8/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/9/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	1/10/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	1/11/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS 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
Sunday	1/15/23	10:00 am	Worship

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 Carol Allen and Robin Fryer.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given** and arranged by Carol Allen in memory of her husband, David.
- ♦ **The 2023 Flower Calendar is up!** Thank you to all who have sponsored the flower arrangements last year. Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall and check the dates for next year and pick one to sponsor the flowers! For \$32, payable in the office, one of us on the flower committee will put together an arrangement for you and have it in place in the Meetinghouse.
- ♦ **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.

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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