

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’”

Matthew 4:19

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 #304 (Green)

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

GALILEE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: As Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Andrew and Peter, and called to them

Many: “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

One: We have been known to walk by the sea, and could these words be words for us?

Many: “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

One: As he was walking along, Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he called to him

Many: “Follow me.”

One: We have been known to sit at our own places of work, and could these words be for us?

Many: “Follow me.”

One: You summon us to follow, O Lord, and here we are, and so

Many: Let us worship together!

PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with God Leads Us Along

William B. Bradbury/arr. Carol Tornquist

UNISON PRAYER

You call, O Lord, and we hear that call as challenge.

You all us to extraordinary discipleship, and yet we know that we are so busy, in many ways less than competent for so mighty a task, and there are so many things which we really have to do. And we wonder if we love you enough to put that discipleship first. (silence is kept)

You call, O Lord, and may we also hear that call as a gift. A gift of free choice, a gift of moving from an old life to a new life, a gift that defines us, a gift that gives us unity as your followers. (silence is kept).

Grant, we pray, that aware of the gift of your call, we might rise to the challenge of it as well. 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

When I Close My Eyes

Jim Papoulis/Ed. by Francisco Nunez

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18-23

1 Cor. 1:1-9 (The Message)

SOLO

O Lord, Most Holy (Panis Angelicus)

Cesar Frank

MESSAGE

“Vocational Failure”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #593 (Green)

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(If so moved, share a moment of joy with the congregation
and conclude by saying “Give God the glory!”,
after which the congregation will reply “Give God the glory!”)*

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

A Quiet Reflection

David Lasky

*SONG OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**As those on whom the Spirit fell
Went boldly forth your praise to tell,
So may we too be led this day
To praise you boldly, as did they. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #364 (Green)

“This Little Light of Mine”

THIS JOY

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

G. F. Handel

(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:*

New to the Prayer List

Pearl Burbank Bond (friend of Jean Birch)

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)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

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)

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 22, 2023

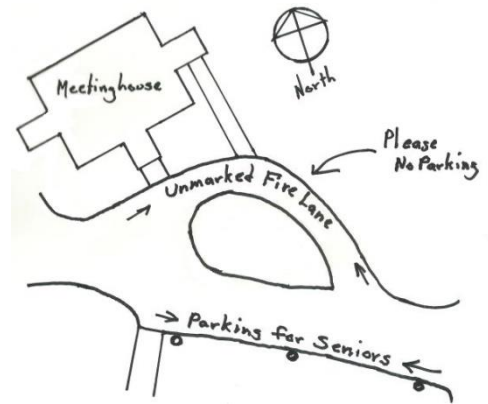
Sunday	1/22/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/23/23	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Foundation (G & Z) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/24/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	1/25/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	1/26/23	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	1/27/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) Foundation (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/28/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/29/23	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 Georgia Lonkart, Peggie Bretz and Sarah Wyatt.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by** Georgia Lonkart in memory of her husband, Bob Lonkart. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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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