

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Pastor Reed Baer's 25th Anniversary at West Parish

September 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Phillippians 1:3-5

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is offered at our 4:30 Saturday 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

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

* HYMN #596 (Green)

“Stewards of a Living Church”

LAUDA ANIMA

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

Many: This is the place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.

One: It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love.

Many: This is no ordinary place; just as oak beams brace our gathering place, pillars of faith, members past, present and yet to be, faithfully support God’s people here and in the community around.

One: This is no ordinary gathering.

Many: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

PRELUDE

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE - 2016

Adopted by the congregation on the occasion of the 400th anniversary

One: It is fitting that on the occasion of the celebration of our pastor’s 25th anniversary with us that we re-affirm our church covenant; may the members of this congregation do so in the spirit of recommitment to this gathered body of the one church of Jesus Christ, and may those who have joined us today do in prayer that this congregation will grow in faithfulness, love and joy.

All: We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;**
- openly welcome and affirm all persons;**
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;**
- work for peace and social and economic justice;**
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;**
- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;**
- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;**
- respect and preserve God's earth.**

This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Lord, Speak To Me

Frances Havergal & William L. Hooper

A WORD FROM THE CONFERENCE

Rev. Darrell Goodwin

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Phillipians 1:1-11

SOLO

With All My Heart

Babbie Mason

MESSAGE

“God is Not Done With You Yet”

Rev. Darrell Goodwin

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #482 (Green)

“Forward Through the Ages”

ST. GERTRUDE

RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT WEST PARISH
AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Church Council Chair Susan Moeller, Rev. Goodwin

SOLO

Amazing Grace
"A Special Tribute to Reed Baer" by Sven Borglund

John Newton

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

Pastor Reed Baer

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.

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

Take Time to Be Holy

HOLINESS by George C. Stebbins/arr. Charles Callahan

*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God for love we all may share

Praise God for beauty everywhere

Praise God for hope of good to be

Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #593 (Green)

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

WORDS OF SENDING

Rev. Darrell Goodwin

RESPONSE

God Be In My Head - Old English Prayer

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Sinfonies De Fanfares; 1. Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)/arr. Elaine C. Gardner

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

OUR 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

Doug Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)
Joanne Stubbins (friend of Jean Birch)

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Debbie Davis (mother-in-law of Dianna & Roger Henson's grandson Nate)
Diane (friend of Sandie and Dale Seidsma)
Judy Desrochers
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Donna Flaherty (Robin Miller's neighbor)
Jay Gregory
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Christine Hayes (Stepmother of Lauren Abraham)
Steve Howland
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
Joy Indomenico
Joyce Joakim
Dan Joakim and DJ (Joyce Joakim's son)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Diane Marquis (a former teacher at the Family School)
Norma McElhenny (friend of Jane Ketchen)
Judy Moakler (friend of Jane Ketchen)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Sophia (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)
Shirley Stolte
Marilyn Swain (Janet Joakim's aunt)
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Pete Tufflie (friend of Bob Wyman)
Gary Toye (brother of Bobbie Jordan)
Mary-Ann Tu
Steve and Heather Walker (friends of Sharon and John Hunt)
Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
Tom White
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 September 17, 2023

Sunday	9/17/23	10:00 am	Worship <i>Celebrating Reed's 25 Years at West Parish with a luncheon in Jenkins Hall to follow</i>
Monday	9/18/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	9/19/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) Finance (G & Z) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	9/20/23	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/21/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J) AA (J) Fair Creative Crew (J)
Friday	9/22/23	10:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (M) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/23/23	11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pat White Memorial Service (M) Pat White Reception (J) Worship Kim Moberg Concert (M)
Sunday	9/24/23	9:15 am 10:00 am	Outreach (G) Worship

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

- ♦ **Please join us for a celebratory luncheon in Jenkins Hall after the service.**
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Cornell Bretz. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **The 2023 Flower Calendar is up!** For \$32, payable in the office, one of members of 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 circle closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

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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