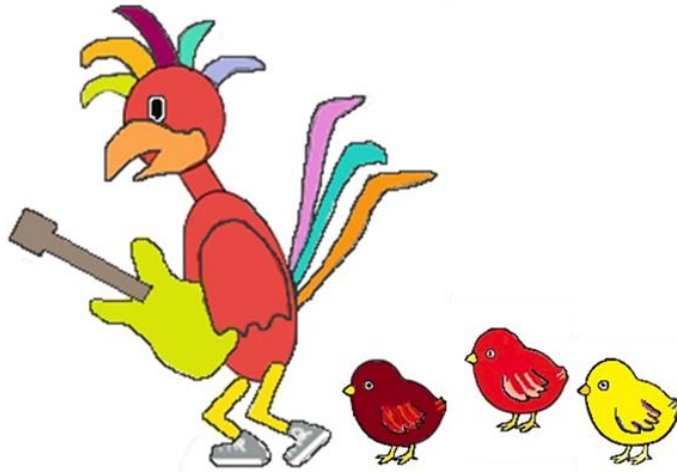


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 18, 2023

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

Colossians 3:15-17

## 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

*Give Thanks*

Henry Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

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give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;  
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks...**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. Here at West Parish, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are glad you are here with us today whether you are joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, and Pastor Reed is here, and we have John Williams as our musician with Bob Moscato, 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

The flaming leaves of autumn  
Are like the fire of God's spirit.

**The bounty of the fields  
Is like the fullness of God's love.**

We are called to share the blessings of the  
Land with the world.

**Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**O God,**

**Presider over the affairs of persons and nations,**

**Move us to thanksgiving,**

**Not because of what we have, but because of whose we are;**

**Not because of present blessing,**

**But because of your continuing providence;**

**Not because of the moment,**

**But because of the eternity of salvation.**

Let our thanksgiving be expressed  
Not only in feasting, but in sharing;  
Not only in passive enjoyment, but in active service;  
Not only in annual observance, but in daily attitude.  
And because your concern for wholesome living  
Embraces every person upon the earth,  
We pray for ourselves and for others... 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



A TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

A SONG OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

*We now accept Venmo, instructions are on page 10.*

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.  
We offer a communion cup and wafer system of cranberry juice and cracker.

INVITATION

May God be with us.

**God is here among us**

Let us open our hearts to God.

**We open them to God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Enjoy this life.**

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

***Children: Why do we give thanks at this table?***

We give thanks between because God is with us.

We thank you, God, Creator of us all;

From the beginning you made the world and all its creatures.

You made people to live for you and for one another.

**We praise you, O God.**

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden;

You showed Noah a rainbow;

You gave Moses strength to free your people

And taught Miriam to sing;  
You gave courage to Esther  
And loyalty to Ruth;  
You gave David a harp to sing your praise,  
And helped him defeat the giant.

**We praise you, O God.**

Yet, even they turned away from you  
And forgot about you, as do we.  
But you do not forget.  
You sent Jesus to the world  
To show how much you love us.

**We praise you, O God.**

He came as one of us,  
First an infant, then a child,  
Later a youth, then an adult.  
He rejoiced with those who rejoiced,  
And wept with those who wept.  
To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.  
To the sick, he gave healing.  
To the hurting he was a friend.

Still, people turned away from him.  
They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.  
But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life,  
That he might be with us and we with him, for evermore.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

***Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?***

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: **“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”**

***Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?***

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: **“Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”**

**Children: What do we remember at this table?**

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection;  
We await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth and  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. All things have now been made ready.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,**

**In the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**All glory is yours, God most holy,**

**Now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**



SPECIAL SONG

*Blessed*

Martina McBride



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 118:24, Colossians 3:15-17

MEDITATION

How to Thrive at Thanksgiving, Not Merely Survive!

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #419

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Martin Rinkart

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts, and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,  
To Christ, and to the One who binds us to each other,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore.  
For thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.**

WORDS OF SENDING



SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Sam Baker  
Featuring Allen Nelson

**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

Christie holds coffee hours by appointment at Bread and Roses in Hyannis. Call, text, or email her for an appointment. 508-494-6409 [associatepastor@westparish.org](mailto:associatepastor@westparish.org)

“Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our youngsters, 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.



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**The week of November 18, 2023**

<b>Saturday</b>	11/18/23	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	11/19/23	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	11/20/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	11/21/23	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/22/23	5:00 pm	AA (M)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/23/23	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving</b> AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	11/24/23	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship

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

# BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.*

*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**

