

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

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments....”
Deuteronomy 8:11

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

Pastor Reed Baer

GOVERNOR BRADFORD'S FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

* HYMN #23 (Green)

"We Gather Together"

KREMSER

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: Let us remember the goodness of God.

People: We remember, with thankful hearts.

One: God has given us the sun, the moon, the earth and all that is in it.

People: We remember, with thankful hearts.

One: God has given us children, youth, adults, and seniors of faith and courage.

People: We remember, with thankful hearts.

One: God delivered us from slavery in Egypt and brought us to the promised land.

People: We remember, with thankful hearts.

One: God gave us new hope and new life in Christ.

People: We remember, with thankful hearts.

One: With all creation, let us come and worship God.

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God Georg Friedrich Kaufman

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

*One: Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying
"We thank you, Living God."*

One: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: For challenges that call forth new strength, for failures that teach greater humility, and for the encouragement to persevere when life is hard,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

One: And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend,

Many: We thank you, Living God.

All: 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.

SOLO

"What A Wonderful World"

Louis Armstrong

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

SERMON

"Repenting the Ravages of the Savages"

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #517 (Green)

"O God of Every Nation"

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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.
We now accept Venmo, instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY

Aria

John S. Dixon

*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.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #528 (Green)

“We Plow the Field and Scatter”

WIR PFLUGEN

THE 2023 THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR MAURA HEALEY

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE
Widmar

Now Thank We All Our God

Russell Schultz-

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

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving is from Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*.

Thank you to Charlene Higbee for being our substitute organist today.

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

Jay Blum (brother-in-law of Besty Miller)
Sarah Woodruff (niece of Peter and Betsy Smith)

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Doug Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)
Judy Desrochers
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Steve Howland
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
Dan Joakim and DJ (Joyce Joakim's son)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Mac MacLaren
Norma McElhenny (friend of Jane Ketchen)
Judy Moakler (friend of Jane Ketchen)
Peggy Nelson
Paul (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Carol Polidoro
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Joanne Stubbins (friend of Jean Birch)
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Pete Tufflie (friend of Bob Wyman)
Gary Toye (brother of Bobbie Jordan)
Mary-Ann Tu
Linda Watson (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
Bruce and Tom White
Nancy Woodman (friend of Marianne Williams)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

The Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday	11/19/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/20/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/21/23	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	11/22/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/23/23	5:00 pm	Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving AA (J)
Friday	11/24/22	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Saturday	11/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/26/23	10:00 am	Worship

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

- ◆ **Please join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our host is Peggie Bretz.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Wilbur Griffin. 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.

Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse Password: 1717Rooster



Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.

To make a donation, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera or search "@WestParish" on the Venmo app.

Be sure you select "West Parish of Barnstable" under the charity profiles.

If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

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