

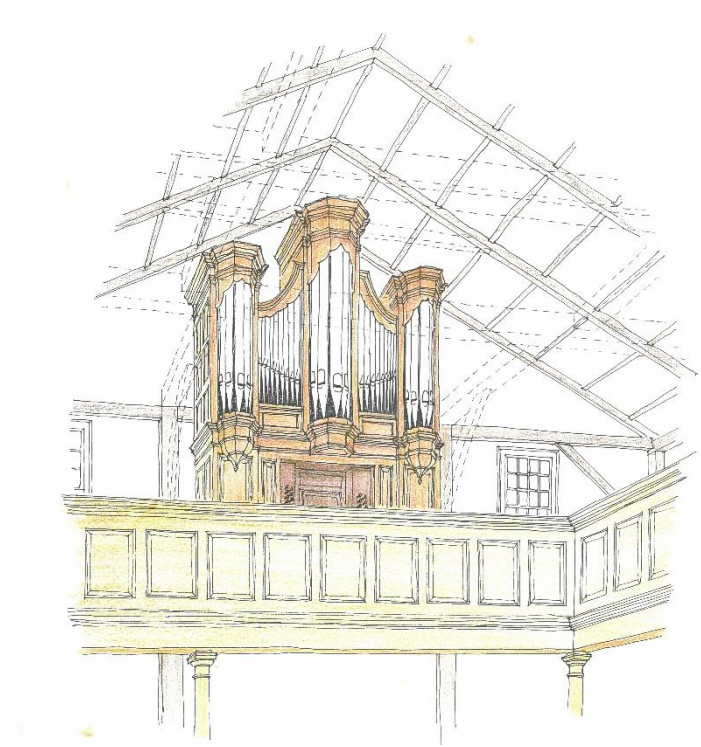
# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*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 Christmas*

December 31, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!”*

2 Cor. 5:17

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

\* HYMN #160 (Green)      “Go Tell It On the Mountain”      GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

**People: Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*One: Come, let us rejoice in the new creation.*

**People: The old order is gone; a new order has begun.**

*One: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRELUDE      God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen (Spanish Tidings of Joy)

Trad. English Carol/ arr. Vicki Collinsworth

UNISON PRAYER

**Timeless God of these our times, help us celebrate each day the coming of Christ.**

**When we become mired in the past of painful memories, pull us out.**

**When we live unconsciously, thinking only of tomorrow and all the tomorrows we expect to come, startle us awake.**

**As the new calendar year unfolds, O Ever-Creating One, create in us something new – something wonderful – something Holy. 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**



\*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #524 (Green)

*“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”*

SIXTH NIGHT

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Joy To The World!

ANTIOCH - G. F. Handel/Setting by Don Hustad

*(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:*

**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)  
**Ann Harris** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Steve Howland**  
**Mike Hovan** (friend of Dan Enos)  
**Martha Lant** (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)  
**Mac MacLaren**  
**Elaine Markey** (Friend of the Clarks)  
**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)  
**Blake Schroeder** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**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)  
**Bruce and Tom White**  
**Nancy Woodman** (friend of Marianne Williams)  
**Sarah Woodruff** (niece of Peter and Betsy Smith)  
**Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn**  
**Cary Young** (friend of Rev. Christie Burns)

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

**The Week of December 31, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	12/31/23	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	1/1/24	5:00 pm	<b>Happy New Year! Office closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/2/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/3/24	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	1/4/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	1/5/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/6/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	1/7/24	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.**
- ◆ **The 2024 Flower Calendar is up!** Look for your special date(s) and sign up. Then send \$32 to the office and one of the members of the flower committee will put together an arrangement to put in the Meetinghouse.
- ◆ **Thank you** to all the folks who have sponsored the flowers in the Meetinghouse this year.
- ◆ **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.

# Poinsettia Sponsors

Steve & Mindy Abbott in memory of Howard & Lois Abbott and Fred & Martha Strauss

Barbara Cameron in honor of my friends

Sandy and Rik Clark in memory of our parents: Eleanore, Doris, Bill, and Allen

David and Susan Cochrane in memory of Gordon and Eleanor Cochrane

Jean Birch in memory of her husband and parents

Kristine in memory of Janet's brother Roger

Bobbie Jordan in loving memory of my parents, Lloyd and Ida

Ken and Diane Juthe in memory of our parents: Randy & Evelyn and Mert & Bertha

Jane Skinner Ketchen & Greg Ketchen in memory of Clara Vergnani Skinner & Arlan Skinner  
and Charlotte Parker Ketchen & Gould Ketchen

Corinne Lilie in memory of Mary Ann Regan

Kristen Lind in honor of the wonderful faculty at West Parish Family School  
and all the church volunteers who oversee and assist us

Dan Lupfer & Liz Knox-Lupfer in celebration of our children and grandchildren

Heiti and Bill Manning in celebration of family and friends

The Moeller Family in memory of Alice, Jake, Bill & Helen who all loved Christmas

Laura Murphy in celebration of Martha Rosewell

Reed & Christie in celebration of Katie, Julia, Camden, Lydia, Chris, Tyler and Mel

Van & Wendy Northcross in memory of Judy Rockwell and our Northcross family

Lynn & Randy Parker to our 3 children and 5 "grands" who bring us joy!

In honor of those who seek peace

Peter & Betsy Smith in memory of our parents and loved ones

Bob and Shirley Stolte in memory of loved ones

Alan & Maggi Tyson in celebration of Bey, Libby, Grady & Lilah

Marianne & Greg Williams in memory of Florence Stasiowski  
and in memory of Sharon Goguen

Sharon and Bob Wyman in memory of Sunny & Wesley Merritt  
and Evelyn & Edward Wyman

1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in memory of: Mary Jane Eicholzer, John Bjork, James Otis  
Ellis, Sr., Patricia Davies White and Joyce Joakim

**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**



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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.

### **Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Donna Murphy, Music Director  
Kristen Lind, Family School Director  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor  
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