

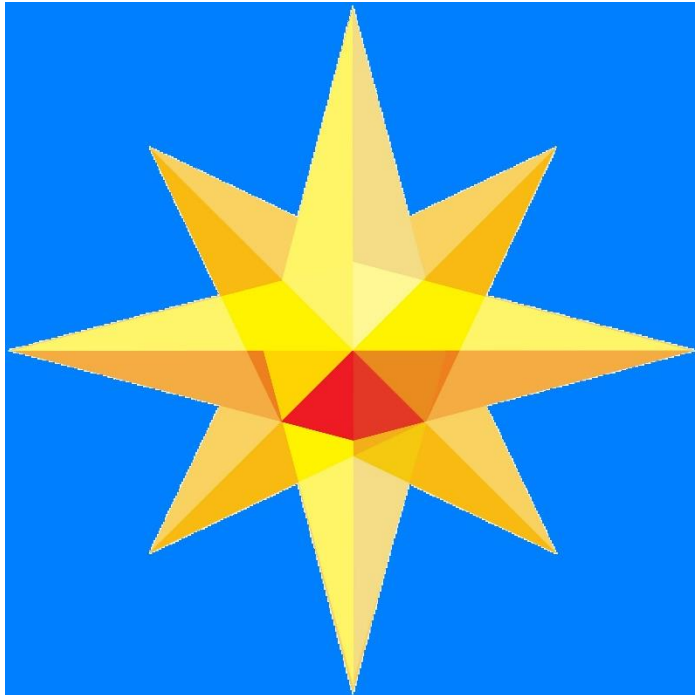
West Parish of Barnstable

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 Epiphany

January 7, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“Arise, shine; for your light has come...”

Isaiah 60:1

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 #143 (Red)

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

KINGS OF ORIENT

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but have the light of life.*

**Many: We have seen the light of Christ like a star shining in the sky; and like
the magi, we have come to worship.**

*One: Glory be to God, and to Jesus Christ, the Word of Light, in whom God is made known in
the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow

Trad. Spiritual/arr. Jack Schrader

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The radiance of a star guided the travellers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. You have given us more than a star, O God, to guide us - you have revealed your glory and your love in the person of Jesus - Light of the world. As we offer our thanks for such wondrous gifts to us, we recognise our responsibility to be bearers of his light and love into the areas of people's lives darkened by pain and fear, poverty and oppression, sorrow and hopelessness.

We confess the times when we choose to go our own way rather than be guided by you - the times when we are reluctant to allow the power and radiance of Christ to flow through us.

**Strengthen us with your Spirit to follow wherever you lead us and to reveal your glory and love through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who 'judges people with righteousness, defends the cause of the poor and gives deliverance to the needy' (Psalm 72:1,4) cleanses us from sin - for - "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Many: Thanks be to God!

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

SOLO

Lift Your Light

Mary McDonald

MESSAGE

“Rise and Shine”

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #364 (Green)

“*This Little Light of Mine*”

THIS JOY

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

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

OFFERTORY

Berceuse C. Delbruck/arr. Edward Broughton

*SONG OF PRAISE

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.

We will celebrate communion by intinction; come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and consume it on the way back to your seat. If you would prefer to be served where you sit, raise your hand and the deacons will come to you.

For those who prefer, please take the packaged communion-to-go.

We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative, in the plastic bags, for those whose diet so requires. We serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, both in the midst of time and history in the town of Bethlehem, and in the timeless presence of Christ's Spirit, as we receive the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #325 (Green)

"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WORDS OF SENDING AND INVITATION FOR STAR GIFTS

POSTLUDE

March of The Wise Men

George Blake

*(During the Postlude, you are invited to come forward in silence
and select a Star Gift to take with you into the new year.)*

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
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)
Carol Woodruff (sister of Peter Smith)
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 January 7, 2024

Sunday	1/7/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/8/24	2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Jean Birch Memorial (M & J) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/9/24	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	1/10/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS at 8 Earl Rd., E. Sandwich
Thursday	1/11/24	8:00 am 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back FS Science (J) Foundation (G) AA (J)
Friday	1/12/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/13/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/14/24	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**, our host today is Peggie Bretz.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse were given by** Christie Burns in celebration of Reed Baer. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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