

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



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*“For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

Psalm 139:13-14

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 #372 (Green)

“Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”

TALLIS' CANON

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in faith.

Many: We come to celebrate God's presence and love expressed through Jesus Christ.

One: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,

Many: and the life we are called to live.

One: We come, bringing with us our doubts and our fears, our hopes and our longings,

Many: trusting that the God who helped us in ages past will also help us in years to come.

One: Come, let us worship together.

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

Traditional by Hal H. Hopson/Setting by John Carter

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE

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

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:13-18

HYMN #428 (Green) *“Christ Beside Me”* BUNESSAN

MESSAGE *“It’s Not That Complicated: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”*
Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #376 (Green) *“Help Us Accept Each Other”* AURELIA
(We are singing this to the tune used for *“The Church’s One Foundation”*)

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

Andante

G. F. Handel

*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.**

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*AS IT WRITTEN

One: As it is written:

Many: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

One: As it is written:

Many: “For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

One: As it is written:

Many: “God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.”

One: As it is written:

Many: “For we know that if this earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

One: As it is written:

Many: “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

One: So it is written, and so may we live, in trust, in hope, in peace, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, by our lives letting each other and the world know that we are not alone, and never will be.

Many: Amen!

*HYMN #375 (Green)

“Weave” (sing three times)

WEAVE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Rowland Pritchard with *Wie will ich mich freuden* from Cantata 146 by J. S. Bach
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Taken from Hymn #404 - words by Charles Wesley

"Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down.

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown...

Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into every troubled breast..."

(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

Jack Bishop (friend of Dale and Sandie Siedsma)

Ronald Abraham (Rich Abraham's uncle)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Dick Canning
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
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)
Margaret Parker (grandchild of Lynn and Randy Parker)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Blake Schroeder (friend of Robin Fryer)
Joanne Stubbins
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

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

The Week of January 21, 2024

Sunday	1/21/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/22/24	12:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) Council (G) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/23/24	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	1/24/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	1/25/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	1/26/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/27/24	11:00 am 4:30 pm	John Doriss Memorial (M & J) Worship
Sunday	1/28/24	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 hosts today are Greg & Jane Ketchen.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were given by Georgia Lonkart in memory of Bob Lonkart. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ◆ **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



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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

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