

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

4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Mark 1:16-18

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 #304 (Green)

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

GALILEE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here, in the midst of God’s people,

Many: let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

One: How wonderful are the things that God has done!

*The beauty of Sandy Neck’s curved beach, its foam-flecked waves;
the strength of a parent’s love, enduring through midnight feedings, the trials of childhood,
the adolescent years of challenge, the pangs of empowering and then letting go;*

**Many: The warmth of a friend’s embrace, the grace of help unlooked for;
the community of this church, where elder and young parent and church
school child can come together for praise, for service, for growth in wisdom
and love.**

All: God’s wonderful deeds are well known, for God is gracious and merciful.

One: God is faithful and just in all things:

*empowering our ancestors in faith to boldly embrace their faith, God brought them over the
sea to this new home here in Barnstable;*

setting before our countrymen and women the gift of freedom, with faith in almighty

*Providence they formed this nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that
all are created equal;*

**Many: Growing in wisdom and understanding of God’s purposes, we freed the
enslaved and worked to bring full civil rights to all persons.**

All: God has set us free, and offers us an everlasting covenant.

One: Come, let us worship the God of mercy, justice, and love.

PRELUDE

Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

John S. Norris/arr. Victor Labenske

UNISON PRAYER

Ever-giving God, open our ears to hear what you are saying to us today.
Open our eyes, to see where Jesus' healing love is needed in our world.
Open our hands, to do your work and help where help is needed.
Open our lips, to bring comfort, joy, and laughter to your people.
Open our minds, to hear new truths about how you work in our world.
Open our hearts, to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as you love us.
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.

HYMN SING

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-20

SOLO A Vessel In Your Hands Larry Shackley

MESSAGE "Sometimes Following Can Take Us in Circles" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #593 (Green) "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

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, QR code and instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY

Serenity

Henry Kihlken

*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

*HYMN #345 (Green)

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

GOD BE WITH YOU

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E-Flat

Rex Koury

(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

Alice Eck

Norm Kansfield (friend of Christie Burns)

Ronald Abraham (Rich Abraham's uncle)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)
Jack Bishop (friend of Dale and Sandie Siedsma)
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 28, 2024

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| Sunday | 1/28/24 | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Monday | 1/29/24 | 12:30 pm 5:00 pm | J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 1/30/24 | 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) |
| Wednesday | 1/31/24 | 9:15 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 2/1/24 | 9:15 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) AA (J) |
| Friday | 2/2/24 | 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) |
| Saturday | 2/3/24 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 2/4/24 | 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 flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Cornell Bretz. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **The 2024 Flower Calendar is up!** Look for your sepecial 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

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