

# *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**

*24th Sunday after Pentecost*

*All Saints Day Celebration*

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*“When he was at table with them he took break blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened....”*

Luke 24:30-31

All are invited to stay for the full service today.

Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary 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 #486 (Green)

*“For All the Saints”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We remember, O God...*

**Many: The countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

*One: We remember, O God...*

**Many: The tender touch of loved ones,  
the example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

*One: We remember, O God...*

**Many: The gentle strength of grandparents,  
the loyalty of friends,  
the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children,  
the sacrifice of parents.**

*One: We remember, O God...*

**Many: The supreme love of Jesus,  
the blessing of his Spirit,  
the reminder of his words,  
the sharing of his suffering,  
the glory of his resurrection:  
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,  
young and old,  
dead and living,  
articulate and silent,  
strange and familiar,  
brilliant and ordinary.**

*One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.*

**All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!**

PRELUDE

"Hymn of Promise"

N. Sleeth, arr. L. Larson

UNISON PRAYER

Jan Richardson

**For those who walked with us,  
this is a prayer.**

**For those who have gone ahead,  
this is a blessing.**

**For those who touched and tended us,  
who lingered with us  
while they lived,  
this is a thanksgiving.**

**For those who journey still with us  
in the shadows of awareness,  
in the crevices of memory,  
in the landscape of our dreams,  
this is a benediction.**

**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.**

ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elaine and Stephan Bartlett

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you affirm your faith in God as your creator, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and light, and in the Holy Spirit as your strength and guide?*

**All: I do.**

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

OWNING THE COVENANT

*Pastor: Hear now the Covenant as it is affirmed and practiced in West Parish of Barnstable.*

**All: 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.**

*Pastor: Do you so promise, covenant and agree?*

Response: I do.

#### WELCOME AND RECEPTION

*Pastor: Let us, the members of West Parish of Barnstable, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.*

**All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in Christ's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.**

#### GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND COVENANT SIGNING

ANTHEM

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

African American Spiritual

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-31(a)

MESSAGE

“Opened Eyes”

Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #401 (Green)

“Amazing Grace” v.1-4

#### 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

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

C. Boyles, C. Scott

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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

**Precious Lord, we thank you for your invitation to this table. We're glad we came.  
We followed your instructions; we ate the bread and drank the cup.**

**May this spiritual nourishment refresh and empower our body, mind, and spirit.  
Now we claim your promise to be with us as guide and teacher as we continue to follow you on the road of life.**

**Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, with all the saints we declare: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #494 (Green)

*“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Medley of Saints"

arr. P. King

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

\* All who wish, please stand.

**All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.**

## 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

#### *Julia Rush*

*Alexina* (friend of Carol Allen)  
*Chris Allen* (grandson of Carol Allen)  
*Karolina Atsalis* (friend of the Abrahams)  
*Doug Clay* (brother of Sharon Hunt)  
*Ginny Dolan* (friend of the Haven Family)  
*Betsy Eidem* (friend of Carol Allen)  
*Joan Eubele* (friend of Carol Allen)  
*Ned Flynn* (Ted's father)  
*Tom Fuller* (friend of Jane and Greg Ketchen)  
*Bob Gravino* (friend of Greg and Jane Ketchen)  
*Jay Griffin* (Peggie Bretz' brother)  
*Sharon Griffin* (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)  
*Steve Howland*  
*Deidre Hunt* (daughter-in-law of Sharon and John Hunt)  
*Dick Kiusalis* (friend of Joanna Wallace)  
*Martha Lant* (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)  
*Adrienne Locklear* (family of Kelly and Macayla Washburn)  
*Sue Maki* (friend of Joanna Wallace)  
*Mangan family* (friends of Dianna Henson)  
*Norma McElhenny* (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
*Greg Miller*  
*Judy Moakler* (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
*Peggy Nelson*  
*Paul* (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)  
*Savanna Ramotar* (friend of Sharon Hunt)  
*Blake Schroeder* (friend of Robin Fryer)  
*Joanne Stubbins*  
*Nancy Sturgis* (friend of Joanne Wallace)  
*Alexis Teixeira* (cousin of Barbara Walsh)  
*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)  
*Gina Yacinto* (friend of Joanna Wallace)  
*Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn*

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

## The Week November 3, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	11/3/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	11/4/24	10:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) Council (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	11/5/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) Bell Choir (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/6/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/7/24	10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (G) Fair Meeting (G) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	11/8/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/9/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	11/10/24	10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Worship 1717 M. Foundation Annual Meeting AA (J)

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

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour** in Jenkins Hall after the service. We are celebrating those with recent birthdays!
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Robin Fryer, in memory of her grandmother, Natalie Couse. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ♦ **The 2024 Flower Calendar is full!** Look for next year's calendar goin up in late December, find 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 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.



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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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Paula King, Music Director  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair  
Alycia Williams, Family School Director

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor  
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator  
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