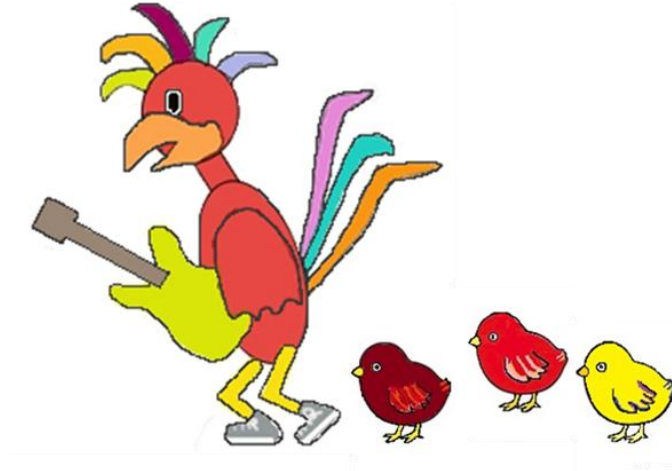


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 23, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving When We Don't Feel Thankful

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:

PROGRESSIVELY UNTRADITIONAL: 21st century minds in a 1717 Meetinghouse!

Embrace diversity.

JOYOUSLY INCLUSIVE: Radically open and affirming, all ages, races, gender, and sexual orientation, everyone is welcome exactly as you are.

EXPRESSLY “ON THE WAY”: Faith is a journey. Journey with us!

COMMITTEDLY IN THE COMMUNITY: In helping others, we become our true selves.

GOD GATHERS US



*OPENING SONG

We Are Walking In The Light Of God

Green #366

**We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of God.**

**We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of the light of God.**

**We are walking, walking, we are walking,
walking, we are walking in the light of God.**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. Here at West Parish, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are glad you are here with us today whether you are joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, and here is Pastor Reed, and Steve Gregory is our director of music, AND TOGETHER WE ARE

All: ONE diverse community

Growing up in faith

Reaching out in love.

One: It is good when God's people are together here, and so we can rejoice, because,

All: It's Saturday, Let's Do Church!



CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

All: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

OPENING PRAYER for a Thanksgiving Revolution

Carol Penner

God, on this Thanksgiving week we know enough to give thanks.

Our prayers often begin, "Thank you God for..."

and then we make a list.

The list is longer today, because it's Thanksgiving.

But what if thankfulness has nothing to do with lists?

What if thankfulness is more like the difference between night and day,

the difference between being shut in and being free,

the difference between holding on and reaching out?

What if thankfulness is not something to be grasped,

not something that can be simply said,

not something at all?

What if thankfulness is transformation?

**A Copernican revolution of the heart,
a re-centering, from ourselves to your Son.**

**A blossoming, from bud to flower,
all the way to the ripe red apple.**

**A movement from life to death,
and beyond the grave to resurrection.**

**What if Thanksgiving is Christmas, Good Friday
and Easter all rolled into one.**

When we are tempted to simply list our thanks,

or give our thanks,

show us the wider horizon,

where we are the extravagant gesture,
pressed down, shaken together, running over--
thankful people made in your image. Amen.

Forgive often.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we will sing this in echo fashion)
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 all our sins...
And lead us not... into temptation... but deliver us from evil.

Unison:

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

Echo:

Forever... and ever...

Our Father... who art in Heaven... hallowed be thy name.

A TIME OF PRAYER



A TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

A SONG OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

We now accept Venmo, the QR code and instructions are on page 10.

Care for the poor.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

**THE BREAD OF LIFE
AND THE CUP OF NEW BEGINNINGS
ARE SHARED**



Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.
Whether children receive the elements we leave to their parents' discretion.

We shall be receiving communion by the ancient practice of intinction.

Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup,
and consume it on the way back to your seat.

We offer a communion cup and wafer system of cranberry juice and cracker.

INVITATION

IONA COMMUNITY

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who loved him.

It is the sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

What set Christians apart, what made them radical, was that in a time of intense political,
social and religious divisions, they set a table where all are welcome.

So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it
he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.

in the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it
he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
*This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.*

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and
making us whole as the bread and wine which we now eat, and drink are changed into
us. May we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and
caring in the world.**

THE COMMUNION

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all things have been made ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give you thanks, God of peace and promise.
Through the words of your prophets
and the faith of your followers
you prepare the way of our redemption
and bring hope to birth.
And though we often grow weary of waiting,
your signs call us to keep watch for that day
when all things shall be made new.
In assurance of this hope,
we join with all the company of heaven and earth
to give you praise.
Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Smile

Charlie Chaplin



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalms 100:1-5, Philippians 6

MEDITATION

Thanksgiving in Hard Times

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

"Lean On Me"

Bill Withers

**Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise,
We know that there's always tomorrow.**

**Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.**

**Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show.**

**You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on.**

I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load
You have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me.

Call me if you need a friend
Call me

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go in peace
Go in kindness
Go in love
Go in faith
Leave the day
The day behind us
Day is done
Go in grace
Let us go
Into the dark
Not afraid
Not alone

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

Let us hope
By some good pleasure
Safely to
Arrive at home
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Arrive at home.

WE ARE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

All people, young and old and in-between, are lifted up wherever they are on the journey.
We look forward to worshipping with you again soon!
Pastors Christie Burns and Reed Baer

Christie holds coffee hours at Nirvana in Barnstable Village on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 am.
Call, text, or email for an appointment: 508-494-6409 associatepastor@westparish.org.

“Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our youngsters, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, during the last 20 minutes of the service. Interested in joining in as a teacher or an extra pair of hands, speak to Reed after church.

Would you like to play in the Saturday Band? Contact Steve G.



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The Week November 23, 2024

Saturday	11/23/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/24/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	11/25/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/26/24	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) FS Thanksgiving for all (J) AA (J) Bell Choir (M)
Wednesday	11/27/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/28/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Friday	11/29/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Saturday	11/30/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

