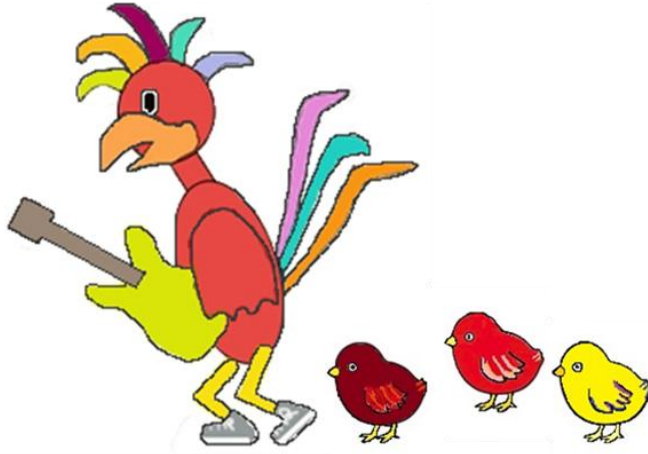


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 30, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Hope: Sign in the Stars

He told them a story. "Look at a fig tree. Any tree for that matter. When the leaves begin to show, one look tells you that summer is right around the corner. The same here—when you see these things happen, you know God's kingdom is about here. Don't brush this off: I'm not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won't wear out."

Luke 21:29-33

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Green # 137

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise all souls on earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

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. Today we will lift our hearts and voices in hope as we begin our four-week journey towards Advent. 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: Come as Advent people; praise the God of promise.

All: We come with glad and thankful hearts.

One: Follow the holy way; make the path straight.

All: We will walk the road to Bethlehem.

OPENING PRAYER

O come, O come, Emmanuel, to the empty-handed and the heavy-hearted, to the Despairing and the despided.

Enter this world, giving love to the lowly and hope to the downcast.

Dwell among us, and teach us your ways,

Saving the lost and strengthening the weak.

Be made incarnate within us,

That we might cast away fear and live boldly by faith.

With gratitude that you come to be with us,

We worship joyfully this day. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING by Maren Tirabassi

I light one candle here for hope

and it is like a small lamp,

lighting a bedside table with open book,

after a long day,

the glow of heart monitor in ICU,

a headlamp for a hiker on an unfamiliar trail,

or a miner down a shaft,

a toddler's paw-patrol nightlight,
or early-morning oven in a bakery.

**We light one candle so we will remember
to notice this week's ordinary lights of hope.**

For ordinary and available to all
is the hope of Advent.

**I will light Candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long. (Howard Thurman)**

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

In the time of Jesus, sharing a meal with others was never a casual matter. But Jesus welcomed everyone – when he sat at table with all those society pushed to the margins, the ill, the tax collectors, those condemned as sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds.

We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table and be nourished by the bread of life. Here is the bread, here is the wine.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, "take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after

supper, he took the cup, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”*

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and juice. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole as the bread and juice 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 juice.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all things have been made ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, you are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end and all that comes in between. We give thanks for the simple things of life: bread and juice and remembrance. Thank you for remembering us even now, even today. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Keep On Pushing

The Impressions



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 21:25-36

MEDITATION

Hope: Signs in the Stars

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Maren Tirabassi/traditional

**O come, o come Emmanuel
make true the stories prophets tell –
so all those chained by fear find release,
and, war forgotten, bring a world of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
is come to birth where all God's children dwell.**

**O Come, Love's-season, to our lonely days,
and guide us in our words and ways
to be the ones whose Advent begins
with healing earth and all that live within.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
is come to birth where all God's children dwell.**

**O come, Desire of Nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Original)
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
is come to birth where all God's children dwell.**

WORDS OF SENDING

Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

**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
Let us hope
By some good pleasure
Safely to
Arrive at home
Let us hope
By some good pleasure
Safely to
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 30, 2024

Saturday	11/30/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	12/1/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	12/2/24	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	12/3/24	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)
Wednesday	12/4/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	12/5/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	12/6/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	12/7/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

BE THE CHURCH

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**

