

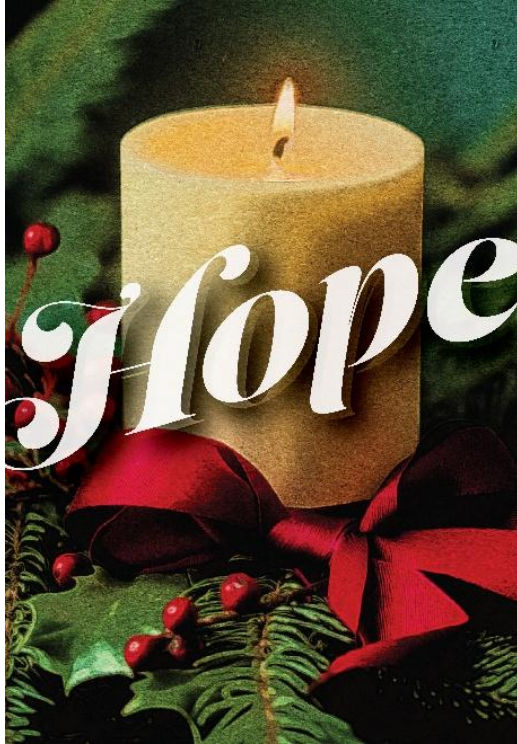
# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*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**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

December 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*“Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.”*

Luke 21:28

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

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (Howard Thurman)

*One: 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.*

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

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

**All: 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.**

\* HYMN #114 (Green)

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Come, dear ones, as an Advent people; praise the God of hope and promise.*

**Many: We come with glad and thankful hearts.**

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

**Many: We will walk the road to Bethlehem, celebrating the Advent of our God.**

*One: O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and cheer our spirits by thine advent here!*

PRELUDE

“O Come, O come Emmanuel”

arr. T. Helmore, P. Bekavosa

UNISON PRAYER

**We are on our way through Advent, O God, just as our whole culture is on the way to Christmas.**

**The world has the bright lights of the shopping mall seven days a week until the wee hours; we have but a solitary candle of hope.**

**The world has certain shopping days until Christmas; we have an uncertain time until the coming again of the One who was born in a manger, died on a cross, and promised to come back in power and glory.**

**As Mary and Joseph journeyed long ago to Bethlehem, carrying hope in their hearts, we journey through Advent, with hope in our hearts.**

**Fan our small flickers of hope, O God, that the darkness be less scary, that in the tiny, warm glow, we might truly see one another, and you.**

**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.**

ANTHEM

“Soon and Very Soon”

A. Crouch, arr. J. Schrader

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

SOLO

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

C. Daw, D.A. White

MESSAGE

“It Isn’t Like Waiting for Bosco Bear”

Pastor Reed

## THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #473 (Green)

*“O Jesus I Have Promised”*

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

“Miniature 24”

Flor Peters

\*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

**Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need, here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just. Though afflicted by brokenness and division, here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community. Though daily we touch our limits, here we have received the fullness of your grace. Send us forth, O God, in faith, in hope, in love, and in peace. Amen.**

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #153 (Green)      *“What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE                                      *“People Look East”*                                      arr. W. Wold

*(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:*

**Alexina** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Chris Allen** (grandson of Carol Allen)  
**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)  
**Doug Clay** (brother of Sharon Hunt)  
**Ted Dickerson** (Aleah's uncle)  
**Ginny Dolan** (friend of the Haven Family)  
**Betsy Eidem** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Susan Emery** (Jane Ketchen's sister)  
**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)  
**Brian Murphy**  
**Peggy Nelson**  
**Paul** (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)  
**Savanna Ramotar** (friend of Sharon Hunt)  
**Cyndi Rausch** (Allison McNaughton's sister)  
**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 December 1, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	12/1/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	12/2/24	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	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)
<b>Thursday</b>	12/5/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	12/6/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	12/7/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	12/8/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Tree Lighting and Carol Sing (M)

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

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour over in Jenkins Hall.** Our host today is Peggie Bretz.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given Sharon and Bob Wyman in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **Thank you to all who sponsored the flowers this past year.** Look for next year's calendar going 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**

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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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