

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 21, 2024

4:30 p.m.

An Unrehearsed Pageant

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide. A Savior has been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're looking for; a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-12

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:

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

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



WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit, or you have been here for years. We are glad you are here with us today. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, he's Pastor Reed. Our worship band is led by Steve Gregory with assistance from Debbie Barrett and Mary O'Neill, 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 and CANDLE LIGHTING

Maren Tirabassi & Howard Thurman

We will light four candles
and I will be willing to light
every taper in my life,
for love asks for all that is needed
and then ... for everything else,

for this is how incarnation happens,
how God comes.

We light four candles
or a hundred or a thousand more
whatever it takes
to remind ourselves to live in love.

As ordinary and gentle as the holy welcome
that turns the world upside down,
comes hope, peace, joy, and love
to illuminate our 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.**



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 CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS



INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

AN UNREHEARSED PAGEANT by Sarah Buteux

Cast List

Director

Assistant Director

Pageant Narrator

Innkeeper

Shepherd

Angel Herald

The Star

Pageant Carols from the Red Hymnal

Part I - Mary and Joseph

Narrator

Sing #134

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v. 1-2)

Innkeeper

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Part II - The Animals

Pageant Narrator

Sing #137

“Away in a Manger” (v. 1-2)

Assistant Director

Shepherd

Director

Listen to “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Assistant Director

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Part III - Angels

Pageant Narrator

Sing #116

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (v. 1-2)

Angel Herald

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Part IV - Shepherd

Pageant Narrator

Sing #420 (green)

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” (v. 1-2)

Shepherd

Assistant Director

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Part V - Wise Persons and Star

Pageant Narrator

Sing #143

“We Three Kings” (v. 1 and 5)

The Star

Director

Part VI - Conclusion

Pageant Narrator

Director

Assistant Director

Director

Sing # 134

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v. 3 - 4)

The End

GOD SENDS US FORTH

WORDS OF SENDING

SUNG BENEDICTION

“Seeds of Peace”

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.

CLOSING MUSIC

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Irving Berlin



Poinsettia Sponsors



- Paul and Lisa Fackler in celebration of family and friends
- Jody Rice-Hines in memory of Kenneth Arden Hines, Jr. and Justine Williams Perry
- Heiti and Bill Manning
- Marianne and Greg Williams in memory of Max, Carmella, and Doug Stasiowski
in memory of Howard, Constance, and Ken Williams
in memory of Florence Stasiowski and Sharon Goguen
- Bobbie Jordan in memory of my parents, Lloyd and Ida
- Gretchen and Bob Naylor in memory of Anna & Raymond Naylor
in memory of Phyllis & Herb Hoffman
- Peter and Betsy Smith in memory of our parents, brothers and sisters
- Sharon and John Hunt in memory of family members who are looking down from heaven
- Janet Scarpato in memory of my brother, Roger W. Porter
- Ken and Diane Juthe
- Steve and Mindy Abbott
in loving memory of Howard & Lois Abbott and Fred & Martha Strauss
- Bob and Shirley Stolte in memory of Alfred & Elizabeth Hodgkins and Albert & Lucia Stolte
- Robin Fryer in memory of my nephew, Chad DeMarco
- Dan Lupfer & Liz Knox-Lupfer in celebration of our children and grandchildren
- Jane Skinner Ketchen and H. Gregory Ketchen in memory of our parents
Clara Skinner & Arlan Skinner and Charlotte Ketchen & Gould Ketchen
- The Lee Family in memory of Jackie & Al Mague
- Sharon and Bob Wyman in memory of Sunny & Wes Merritt and Evelyn & Edward Wyman
- Rick Serodio in honor of the citizens of Ukraine
- Rik and Sandy Clark in celebration of our parents and Faith
- Toni and LeRoy Malouf in memory of Alfred & Clara Malouf
in memory of Anna & Warren Watts and Frederik Antoine
- Laura Murphy in celebration of my chosen family
- The 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in memory of:
Jean Birch, John Doriss, Shirley Whitelaw, Judy Desrochers, Laurel Jenkins, Shirley and
Richard Canning, Harold G. Andrews, Jr. -Restoration Organ Builder, Ernest and Barbara
Walsh, Hilda Goerhring and Benjamin B. Baker

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES—Bring your relatives and friends!

4:30 p.m. Candlelit Family Service and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

No worship service on Saturday, December 29th

We resume worship on **January 4th and celebrate Epiphany with STAR GIFTS.**

WANT TO HELP MAKE THIS SERVICE CONTINUE? 85% of folk who come to church for the first time do so on the elbow of a friend or acquaintance. So spread the word, pass out the informational postcards – people LIKE being asked if they would like to come, just as they like being asked to a party!

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



by recycling this bulletin.

Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse **Password:** 1717Rooster

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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”, note that in the description.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Paula King, Music Director
Susan Moeller, Council Chair
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Christine Burns, Associate Pastor
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator
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The Week December 21, 2024

Saturday	12/21/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	12/22/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	12/23/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	12/24/24	4:00 pm 8:00 pm	Early Candlelight Service Candlelight Service
Wednesday	12/25/24	5:00 pm	Merry Christmas! – Office Closed AA (J)
Thursday	12/26/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	12/27/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	12/28/24		

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**

