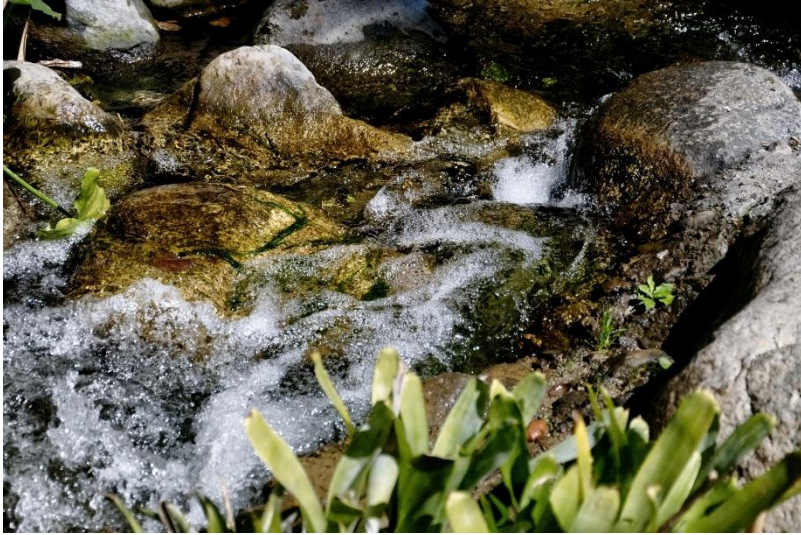


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 11, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Baptism of Our Lord

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

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

Down To River to Pray

Allison Krauss

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

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 we have Steve Gregory as our director of music with the band, 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

In the beginning when God created

A wind swept over the waters,

A breath warmed the dark voids,

A Spirit called forth creation.

God gave in grace:

Let there be light for all to see,

Let there be water for all to splash in,

Let there be life in the midst of death

Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

It was good,

It was awesome and awe-filled,

It is good.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling. 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

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

One: This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: O God of mystery, we confess that more than deep questions, we love easy answers; explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News, we domesticate your wild ways. Teach us to love our questions, O God. Teach us to struggle with faith. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, in every aspect human as we are. He grew up in a small town in Galilee, far from the religious and civil power. He spoke with a distinct accent. He learned of the breath of your grace from a Gentile mother. Beside Jacob's well, he was moved by an encounter with a minority woman and disclosed his messianic identity. Therefore, with these and our other ancestors in faith, both named and unnamed through the ages and all over the world we praise you.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

On the last night he spent with his friends, Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people and transformed it into something new. He took bread, staple food of his land, blessed and broke it saying, **“Take, eat, this is my body broken for you. Whenever you do this, remember me,”**

After supper he took a cup of wine, common drink for his people, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood. Each time you do this, remember me.”**

By remembering Jesus in this way now, we claim our common heritage.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come for all are invited to partake of the table of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Take Me To The River

Al Green



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MEDITATION

Baptism of our Lord

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Dock of the Bay

Otis Redding

Sittin' in the mornin' sun
I'll be sittin' when the evenin' come
Watching the ships roll in
And then I watch 'em roll away again, yeah

I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
Watching the tide roll away
I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay
Wastin' time

I left my home in Georgia
Headed for the 'Frisco bay
I've had nothing to live for
Look like nothin's gonna come my way
So I'm just gonna sit on the dock of the bay
Watching the tide roll away
I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
Wastin' time

Look like nothing's gonna change
Everything still remains the same
I can't do what ten people tell me to do
So I guess I'll remain the same, yes

Sittin' here resting my bones
And this loneliness won't leave me alone
It's two thousand miles I roamed
Just to make this dock my home

**Now, I'm just gonna sit at the dock of the bay
Watching the tide roll away
Sittin' on the dock of the bay
Wastin' time**

WORDS OF SENDING



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

“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 January 11, 2025

Saturday	1/11/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/12/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	1/13/25	10:15 am 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Classes (J) J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) Council (G) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G)
Tuesday	1/7/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) FS Parent Association (G) AA (J) Bell Choir (M) WITS at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	1/8/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	1/9/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles DUE AA (J)
Friday	1/10/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/11/25	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**

