

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 after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“You are my son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday School is offered for our children and youth at our 4:30 Saturday 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

* HYMN

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

**Crashing waters at creation
orderd by the Spirit’s Breath,
First to witness day’s beginning
from the brightness of night’s death.**

**Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage –
channel to a life made new.**

**Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the One foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.**

**Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.**

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: Come all God’s people, and listen to the voice of God.

Many: God’s voice is in the murmur of the waters.

One: The water is cleansing and refreshing.

Many: Baptism clears a way for new life.

**All: Our baptism reminds us that we are God’s people, and that we join
together in love and service.**

PRELUDE

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” D. Hegarty, L. Gottschaulk

UNISON PRAYER

From the formless waters God created life and called them good.

In the waters of the river Jordan, John baptized Jesus, the source of living water.

Christ invites all who thirst to come and drink, and our baptism with water is a symbol of our covenant with Christ, reminding us that we too should welcome all to the living water.

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to drink of this life-giving, living water.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

“Water of Life”

Stephen Dean

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

“Working Title”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #593 (Green)

“Here I Am, Lord”

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, the qr code and instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY

“Shall We Gather at the River”

R. Lowry, arr. P. King

*SONG OF PRAISE

**O God, may we who bear your name
By gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ’s gift of peace on earth declare
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN # 327 (Green) “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Another Year is Dawning"
“Aulelia”

M. McDonald
S. Wesley

(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.

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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:

New to the Prayer List

Gary Komosky, Chris Haven's brother

Rev. Tony Kill (friend of Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer)

Mike Morris (Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer's daughter-in-law's father)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

Bunny and Bart Chase (friends of Rik Clark)

Doug Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)

Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Susan Emery (Jane Ketchen's sister)

Ned Flynn (Ted's father)

Tom Fuller (friend of Jane and Greg Ketchen)

Judy Ginns (friend of Sandy Clark)

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)

Norma McElhenny (friend of Jane Ketchen)

Greg Miller

Judy Moakler (friend of Jane Ketchen)

Brian Murphy

Peggy Nelson

Diane Ollerhead (friend of Robin Fryer)

Paul (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)

Carol Polidoro

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)

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 January 12, 2025

Sunday	1/12/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	1/13/25	10:30 am 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Classes (J) J. Murrelle Rehearsal (M) Council (G) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G)
Tuesday	1/14/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) FS Parent Association (G) AA (J) Bell Choir (M) WITS at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	1/15/25	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	1/16/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
Friday	1/17/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/18/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/19/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

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 Laura Murphy.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Rich & Lauren Abraham in memory of his mother, Deanna Abraham. They were arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ♦ **The 2025 Flower Calendar is up** on the kiosk. Please sign up for sponsoring the flowers along with a dedication. The cost is \$32 and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo with "Flowers" in the memo. One of the members of the flower committee will contact you to about the arrangement.
- ♦ **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.

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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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