

# *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**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

January 19, 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 #304 (Green)      *"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Hebrews 10:24-25

*One: Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

**All: By ourselves, the spirit may be strong, but the flesh can be weak. In community we are stronger than when alone.**

*One: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.*

**All: When life's trials can bring us down, we can find ourselves lifted up by companions who rejoice; when we feel alone and without a friend in the world, faithful companions remind us that yes, we are loved.**

*One: God's Spirit has called us together this winter's day to sing, to pray, to listen, to learn, to be restored.*

**All: Therefore, let us worship, together.**

PRELUDE

"Revive Us Again"

J. Husband, arr. F. Bock

UNISON PRAYER

As we gather this weekend, O God, we are mindful of your dreamers, of ones who are not content with the ways things are, but who dream of better days to come.

We remember Isaiah, and his dream of the restoration of the exiles from Babylon.

We remember Joseph, and his dream not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife.

We remember Henry Jacob and John Lothrop, and the dream of the freedom to worship as you called them.

We remember Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins, and her dream that the restoration of the 1717 Meetinghouse might preserve it for future generations as a memorial of colonial America, and be a catalyst for renewal of the church.

We remember Martin Luther King, Jr., and his dream of the day when color barriers will no longer divide people.

We remember, and pray that we might be open to the dreamers you send to us today.

We remember, and pray that we, *even we*, might be your dreamers as well.  
**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.**

SOLO "Free at Last" Spiritual, Arr. R. Kirshbaum

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:21-22

ANTHEM "You are Mine" D. Hass, Arr. M. Hayes

SERMON "The Rosa Parks Decision" Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #353 (Green) "Called as Partners In Christ's Service"

#### 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

“In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr”  
(In the Lord I have put my trust)

J. C. Bach

\*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

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN # 481 (Green)

*“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"  
*(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)*

J. Pachelbel

\* 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:*

### New to the Prayer List

**Matt Cox** (the son of Carol Allen's friend)

**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)  
**Rev. Tony Kill** (friend of Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer)  
**Gary Komosky**, Chris Haven's brother  
**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)  
**Mike Morris** (Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer's daughter-in-law's father)  
**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 19, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	1/19/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	1/20/25	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/21/25	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>	1/22/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	1/23/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	1/24/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/25/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	1/26/25	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 hosts today are Carol Allen and Robin Fryer.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Cornell Bretz. They were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ♦ **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.

**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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Paula King, Music Director  
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Alycia Williams, Family School Director

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