

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“The Master, God, has given me a well-taught tongue,
so I know how to encourage tired people.”*

Isaiah 50:4 (The Message)

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 #456 (Red)

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way
with their lives.*

Many: We come to give thanks for them.

*One: Many of them have carried on the ministry of teaching, that their students might grow in
knowledge and wisdom.*

Many: We come to give thanks for that ministry.

*One: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying
"Here I am! Send me!"*

**Many: We come to ask for guidance and courage as we seek to discern and put
to use our own gifts for ministry.**

One: Let us gather this winter's day, and come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Many: We come to worship the Holy God, and to give thanks and praise.

PRELUDE

"Blest Are They"

D. Haas, arr. J. Cotter

UNISON PRAYER

**To you we give thanks, O God, for calling us into the church to be your
people in the world. We thank you for the varying gifts of the Spirit with which
you have blessed us.**

**Help us, we pray, be courageous enough to own the gifts you have given us;
grant that we might be so bold as to use those gifts to do your will.**

**Despite our doubts and fears, our shortcomings and our reservations, you
have chosen us, and we have chosen to follow you. Guide us by your loving
Spirit, and teach us that we might teach each other.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together,
saying...

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

“One Church, One Faith”

K. Getty, arr. L. Shackley

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

A TIME FOR TEACHING TOGETHER Our Favorite Teachers

HYMN SING

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4 NRSV and The Message

SERMON

“Teach and Be Taught”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #360 (Green)

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

RESPONSIVE PASTORAL PRAYER

One: Faithful and ever present God, we lift up to you this morning our concern for education in this country. We raise up for your blessing all who work and learn at the Family School here at West Parish, in our Saturday School, in the public and private schools here on the Cape, at Cape Cod Community College, and indeed at all institutions of learning.

Many: Now hear our prayer, O God.

One: We pray for the schools, day cares, colleges and universities where generations have gathered for learning, where knowledge has been advanced and individuals have grown

in knowledge and wisdom.

Many: May they be ever strengthened and ever faithful to their callings.

One: We pray for teachers, administrators, professors, and all who work in education, where they spend long and often thankless hours.

Many: May they recognize their own creativity, our thankfulness, and our caring.

One: We pray for legislators and school board members, who devote themselves to shaping school policies.

Many: May they seek your guidance and do your will.

One: We pray for those who advocate for education – parent groups, student organizations, professional associations.

Many: May their advocacy result in responsive, effective, and compassionate education.

One: We pray for families who yearn for education suitable for their children, but who often face difficult hurdles and frustrations in an educational system which is often under-funded and ill-equipped.

May: May their yearning be fulfilled, and may we as a nation work to provide the education of our generations that they deserve.

One: Holy God, we ask for all of us, your blessing and presence as we strive to do your will in community. Grant all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, that great student and teacher who came that we might have life abundant. Amen.

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

trad. Irish melody

*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 #596 (Green)

“Stewards of a Living Church”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” G. Webb, Arr. F. Swann
(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:*

New to the Prayer List

Cheryl Lickteig (friend of Jeanne Douglass)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Bunny and Bart Chase (friends of Rik Clark)
Doug Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)
Matt Cox (the son of Carol Allen's friend)
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)

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

The Week January 26, 2025

Sunday	1/26/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	1/27/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/28/25	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)
Wednesday	1/29/25	9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS meeting (G) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	1/30/25	2:30 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Friday	1/31/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/1/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/2/25	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** as we celebrate those with birthdays in November, December, and January.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Robin Fryer in memory of her mother, Janet L. DeMarco. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **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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Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.

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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