

# *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



Photo by [Wesual Click](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## **THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP** *4th Sunday after Epiphany*

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I give for the life of the world is my flesh.”*

John 6:51

All are invited to stay for the full service today.  
Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary 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 #12 (Green)      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: If you arrive here thirsty for a changed and even transformed life, then I welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Many: Jesus says: “Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.”**

*One: If you arrive here hungry for more of that bread which feeds your soul, then I welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Many: Jesus says: “I am the bread of life. Those who come to me shall not hunger, and those who believe in me shall never thirst.”**

*One: If you arrive here longing to see beyond sight, yearning to know beyond knowing, then I welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Many: Jesus says: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

*One: Come, let us worship together!*

PRELUDE

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Ackers, arr. F. Bock

### INVITATION TO OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*One: If you, O God, should count our iniquities, who would be left standing?*

*But with you there is forgiveness and we stand in awe of such grace.*

*And so we can come to you in prayer, confessing our sin. Let us pray together:*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that it is often easier for us to trust our minds than our hearts. Sometimes we believe only what our eyes let us see. And yet we know that faith relies more on revelation than observation.**

Open our hearts to see Jesus – not merely the man, the son of Mary and Joseph, the carpenter, teacher and prophet. Let us see him as the Christ; let us taste him as the bread of life. And let us rise from your table a renewed and changed and empowered people, longing only to discern and do your will. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*One: O people of God, put your hope in Christ! For with Christ there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he will redeem his people from all their iniquities. Rejoice in the Good News: you are forgiven!*

**Many: Thanks be to Christ!**

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises”

So. African

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

John 6:35, 41-51

MESSAGE

“The Fuzziness of God”

Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #6 (Green)

“Bring Many Names”

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

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

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel”

Trad. Spiritual, arr. R. Emerson

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

“Quiet Song”

D. Paxton

\*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

### **THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED**

Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ’s presence. We will celebrate communion by intinction; come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and consume it on the way back to your seat. If you would prefer to be served where you sit, raise your hand and the deacons will come to you.

For those who prefer, please take the packaged communion-to-go. (We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative – in the plastic bags – for those whose diet so requires. We serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #325 (Green)            “Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*One: Friends, people often wonder where they might see God and God's goodness. Mother Teresa reminder her nuns that they carried Christ with them into every hovel they entered, every slum they ventured. And so it is with you, and so may these words be for you this day. Beloved, be the living expression of God's kindness:*

*Kindness in your face,  
Kindness in your eyes,  
Kindness in your smile,  
Kindness in your warm greeting.*

**Many: In the slums, we are the light of God's kindness to the poor.**

*One: To the children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile.*

**Many: Let us give them not only our care, but also our heart.**

*One: Go now in the assurance of God's love and power!*

**Many: Amen!**

POSTLUDE

“March” from “Scipio”

G.F. Handel, arr. T. Birchwood

*(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)*

\* All who wish, please stand.

**All are invited to join together in Jenkins Hall 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

**David Kuehn** (friend of Robin Miller and Kim Baker)

**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)

**Gary Komosky** (Chris Haven's brother)

**Martha Lant** (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)

**Cheryl Lickteig** (friend of Jeanne Douglass)

**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 February 2, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	2/2/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	2/3/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2/4/25	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>	2/5/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	2/6/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	2/6/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	2/7/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	2/8/25	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 Susan Moeller.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Marianne and Greg Williams in memory of Carmella Staisowski. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ♦ **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**



**venmo**

**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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Paula King, Music Director  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair  
Alycia Williams, Family School Director

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor  
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator  
Roberta Jordan, Deacons Chair  
Chris Haven, Sexton

P.O. Box 219, West Barnstable, MA 02668  
Tel. No. 508-362-4445 Fax No. 508-375-6431  
contact@westparish.org www.westparish.org