

**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

**WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**February 15, 2025**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Joy Comes in the Morning**

*“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It’s not like that here. Here he’s consoled and you’re tormented. Besides, in all these matters there is a huge chasm set between us so that no one can go from us to you even if he wanted to, nor can anyone cross over from you to us.” Luke 16:25-26*

**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

What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green  
Red roses too  
I see them bloom  
For me and you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue  
And clouds of white  
The bright blessed day  
The dark sacred night  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces  
Of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands  
Saying, "How do you do?"  
They're really saying  
I love you

I hear babies cry  
I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more  
Than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
Yes, I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

WELCOME

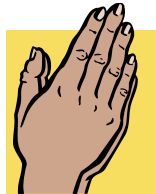
Pastor Christie

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 John Williams filling in 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 (Valentine's Edition)

1 John 4:7-8

Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's unending love.

**"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God."**

Here today there is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

**"Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God."**

Here today there is love, and we gather in worship to celebrate and share that love.

**"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."**

OPENING PRAYER

God of our hearts... here we are!  
We've come with thirsty hearts,  
praying that your word will satisfy us.  
We come with aching hearts,  
praying for good news to comfort us.  
We come with overflowing hearts,  
praying for a chance to share your love.  
You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers,  
be with us now in this hour of worship.  
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**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
Stay with us for the day is ending,  
With friend, with stranger,  
With young and with old,  
Be among us tonight,  
Come close to us that we may forgive one another.  
Renew us so that, where we have failed,  
We may begin again. Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**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

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: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying, “This is my body which is given for you.” In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, “This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take it and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God.”

So now, following Jesus’ example, we take this bread and this wine; the ordinary things of the world through which God will bless us. And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God’s Goodness.

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing



## SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 16:17-31

## MEDITATION

Joy Comes in the Morning

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



### CLOSING SONG

### Three Little Birds

**Don't worry about a thing  
Cause every little thing  
Gonna be alright  
Singing' don't worry about a thing  
Cause every little thing  
Gonna be alright (repeat)**

**Rise up this mornin'  
Smiled with the risin' sun  
Three little birds  
Pitch by my doorstep  
Singin' sweet songs  
Of melodies pure and true  
Saying  
this is my message to you**

**Don't worry about a thing  
Cause every little thing  
Gonna be alright  
Singing' don't worry about a thing  
Cause every little thing  
Gonna be alright (repeat)**

### WORDS OF SENDING

**Love God.**

### 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.



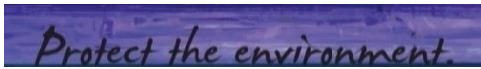


## WE ARE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

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 February 15, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	2/15/25	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Heartwarming Dinner (J)
<b>Sunday</b>	2/16/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	2/17/25	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Office Closed 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2/18/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	2/19/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	2/20/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	2/21/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	2/22/25	9:45 am 4:30 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) Worship

**Key:** FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

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*Reject racism.*

**Fight for the powerless.**

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

