

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

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought....”* Romans 8:26

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 #437 (Green)

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

Many: With sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

Many: Claiming us,

One: Summoning us to become more than we are now.

Many: Calling us by name: God's children, Christ's friends, partners in creation.

One: All standing in the need of prayer.

PRELUDE

"Adoration"

Florence Price

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: Confession is a chance to bring before God our own brokenness, and the brokenness of our communities and our world. We do so trusting in the accepting grace of Christ, and in the hope of healing and even transformation. Please join me in prayer...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that never seem to flower.

O God of love and grace, help us to accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we give you the glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We confess our sins to be set free from the bondage of the past. Therefore, I announce to you in the name of Christ Jesus that you are henceforth set free:

Set free from all the enslaving bonds of your past;

Set free to live powerfully in every present moment;

Set free to love God, to love your neighbor, and to work together to build a peaceful world.

HYMN SING

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-4 (New Revised Standard Version)

Romans 8:26-28 (The Message)

MY THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Chuck Conway

HAND BELL ANTHEM

“The Greatest of These is Love”

L. Lamb

SERMON

“When We Don’t Know How to Pray ”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #442 (Green)

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

Pastor Reed

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.

SOLO

“Deep River”

H.T. Burleigh

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 “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” (Precious Jesus, at Thy Word)

J. G. Walther

*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 #595 (Green)

“What a Covenant”

WORDS OF SENDING

Pastor Christie

POSTLUDE

“Minuet Finale” from the Royal Fireworks
(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

G. F. Handel

* 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

Meredith Leonard (Debbie Barrette's mother)

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)
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)
David Kuehn (friend of Robin Miller and Kim Baker)
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 23, 2025

Sunday	2/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	2/24/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	2/25/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/26/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/27/25	:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/28/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (M)
Saturday	3/1/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/2/25	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** our host today is Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Robin Fryer, in memory of Peter Toennis. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ♦ **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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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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