

# *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**

September 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“Out of my distress I called on the Lord: The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.  
With the Lord by my side, I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?”*

Psalm 118: 5-6

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*

WELCOME

Pastor Christie Burns

\*HYMN #445 (Green)

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Christie

**I arise this day**

**In the strength of the Creator**

**In the strength of the rising Redeemer**

**In the strength of the life-giving Spirit**

**In the strength of the mighty Three**

**Whose love is One**

**I arise today**

**In the strength of the angels & archangels**

**In the strength of the prophets and apostles**

**In the strength of the saints and ancestors**

**I arise today**

**In the strength of heaven and earth**

**In the strength of sun and moon**

**In the strength of fire and wind**

**In the strength of sea and sky**

**I arise today in the peace of Creation.**

*...Adapted from "Celtic Blessings"*

PRELUDE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

(Irish Tin Whistle)

UNISON PRAYER

**Lord, be with us this day, Within us to purify us;**

**Above us to draw us up; Beneath us to sustain us; Before us to lead us; Behind us to restrain us; Around us to protect us.**

*...Adapted from St Patrick's Breastplate*



## THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #355 (Green)      *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

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

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

A.L. Page

\*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 covid-safe communion cup and wafer system.  
(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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, you have called your people to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us 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 rejoice to pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 333 (Green)

*Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Sicilian Mariners

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

*"Joy, Joyful Joy"*

R. Thygerson

*(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.**

## 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 Coward** (Liz Miller's brother)

**George Flynn** (Liz Miller's brother)

**Christopher Allen** (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)

**Reed Baer**

**Rick Clay** (Sharon Hunt's brother)

**Neil Constantine** (Alexander Constantine's brother)

**Bill and Dottie Brower**

**Ginny Dolan** (friend of the Haven Family)

**Betsy Eidem** (friend of Carol Allen)

**Susan Emery** (Jane Ketchen's sister)

**Emy and Yessica** (friends of Christie Burns)

**Ned Flynn** (Ted's father)

**Jay Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' brother)

**Sharon Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)

**Steve Howland**

**Deidre Hunt** (Sharon and John Hunt's daughter-in-law)

**Gina Jacinto** (Joanne Wallace's friend)

**Nelson Jenkins** (Tripp Grohe's friend)

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

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

**Martha Lant** (Peggie Bretz's sister-in-law)

**Meredith Leonard** (Debbie Barrette's mother)

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

**Adrienne Locklear** (Kelly and Macayla Washburn's family)

**Sue Maki** (Joanne Wallace's friend)

**Jacquie and Don Martin**

**David Mendelow** (Sandy Clark's friend)

**Stephen Merritt** (Sharon Wyman's cousin)

**Greg Miller**

**Mike Morris** (Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer's daughter-in-law's father)

**Brian Murphy**

**Peggy Nelson**

**Kathleen Nolan** (Dale and Sandy Seidsma's friend)

**Jordan Northcross** (Van Northcross' brother)

**Carol Polidoro**

**Savanna Ramotar** (Sharon Hunt's friend)

**Pat Smith** (Michael Smith's mother)

**Nina Stasiowski** (Marianne Williams' sister-in-law)

**Joanne Stubbins**

**Nancy Sturgis** (Joanne Wallace's friend)

**Benji Stuart** (Heiti and Bill Manning's grandson)

**Jim Sweeney** (Randy Parker's brother-in-law)

**Calvin Toye** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

**Gary Toye** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

**Marvin Toye** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

**Roy Urbach** (Karen Datlowe's friend)

**Nancy Woodman** (Marianne Williams' friend)

**Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn**

## The Week of September 7, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	9/7/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	9/8/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9/9/25	9:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9/10/25	1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bible Study (G) FS Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	9/11/25	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Creative Crafters (J) AA (M)
<b>Friday</b>	9/12/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J) Illana Zachs, violin concert (M)
<b>Saturday</b>	9/13/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	9/14/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our hosts today are Annie Taber and John Linhares.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given in celebration of Kim Palmer's birthday on September 10. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **The 2025 Flower Calendar** is up on the sign up board next to the kitchen pass thru window. 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 sign up board next to the kitchen pass thru window 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.
- ◆ **Prayer List** – please notify the church office of any additions, deletions, or changes you wish to make. Call 508-362-4445, email [office@westparish.org](mailto:office@westparish.org), leave a note, or stop on by.

**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  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair  
Alycia Williams, Family School Director

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

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