

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



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Strengthen the Church
One Great Hour of Sharing
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A Baby Center

Luke's Love Playground

Meetinghouse Farm

Amplify POC Cape Cod

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Friends of Wheldon Library (FOWLS)

Discretionary Fund

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Outreach Sunday

September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“Don't you see that children are GOD's best gift?
the fruit of the womb his generous legacy?”*

Psalm 127:3

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
We offer Saturday School 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

WELCOME

Pastor Reed Baer

* HYMN #31 (Green) “O Sing to the Lord” (all 4 verses)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: People of God, welcome! By the power of God’s amazing love, we have been gathered in
from different places.*

Many: And so we come in joy!

*One: People of God, it is good that you are here! You are precious in the sight of God; you have
been set free by the ministry of Christ; you are cherished and needed by your sisters
and brothers.*

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen!

PRELUDE

"You Raise Me Up"

Graham/Lovland

SCRIPTURE

John 19:25-27

PROTECTING THOSE IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Chris Morin, Independence House

UNISON PRAYER

**God of life, you call us to give of ourselves to you and to work towards your
realm on Earth.**

**You gift us in so many different ways, and we give thanks for that without
which life would not be possible: shelter against the cold night, food against
the hunger which gnaws, healthcare for the illness and disease which are part
of living.**

**Sometimes we value our possessions more than we value your love and your
promises.**

Sometimes we do not want to give up anything.

Help us find the right balance, we pray. Challenge us to be willing to risk ourselves. Show us what we need to give up to be closer to you. Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 1-2,9-11

GIFTED BY THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM, WE GIFT OUR CHILDREN
Robin Hayward, Director, A Baby Center

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*” R. Turner

SCRIPTURE Psalm 127:3; Proverbs 22:6 (The Message)

HELPING POINT OUR KIDS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
Stacie Peugh, President and C.E.O, Y.M.C.A. of Cape Cod

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Jesu, Jesu*” T. Calvin, Ghana Folk Song

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 “*Chaconne in G Minor*” L. Couperin

*SONG OF PRAISE

**As those on whom the Spirit fell
Went boldly forth your praise to tell,
So may we too be led this day
To praise you boldly, as did they. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #463 (Green) *“Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“A Song of Jubilant Praise!”
(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

F. Ritter

* All who wish, please stand.

Those arriving late may be seated during hymns and musical responses.

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

Colleen Pastore (friend of John Hunt)

Robin Fryer

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)

David Coward (Betsy Miller's brother)

Bill and Dottie Brower

Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)

Ned Flynn (Ted's father)

George Flynn (Betsy Miller's brother)

Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)

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

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)

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 21, 2025

Sunday	9/21/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/22/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/23/25	9:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	9/24/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/25/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (M)
Friday	9/26/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/27/25	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Tom Davis Memorial & Reception (M) Worship
Sunday	9/28/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our hosts today are members of the Board of Outreach.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peggie Bretz. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **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, 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
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