

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

All-Saints Celebration

November 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him,
“You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Mark 12:34*

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 #486 (Green)

"For All the Saints"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, we praise you for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love inspires the generations of your people:

ALL: Abraham and Sarah, who believed your promise even though they were old and barren;

WOMEN: Ruth, whose loyalty to Naomi became a model for people of every time and place;

MEN: Isaiah of Jerusalem, who in a time marked by terror proclaimed that the lion would lie down with the lamb;

WOMEN: Esther, who through courage and knowing when to break with tradition, as well as when to honor it, saved her people from destruction;

ALL: Mary Magdalene, who ran from the tomb crying out that Jesus was alive;

MEN: Paul of Tarsus, who was beaten and shipwrecked while carrying the Gospel to us, the Gentiles;

WOMEN: Augustine, who when the cities of the world were falling apart, saw the City of God;

ALL: Martin Luther, who spoke afresh of salvation by grace through faith;

MEN: Henry Jacob, who faced prison and loss for his faith, gathering the first Congregationalists, the founders of this congregation, in 1616;

WOMEN: Sojourner Truth, who dreamed of women and men, black and white, all of them free;

ALL: Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins, a woman of faith who labored for years to save the Meetinghouse as a place of worship and an historic memorial;

MEN: Martin Luther King, Jr., who worked for the day when we will all be judged by the content of our character and not the color of our skin;

WOMEN: Mother Theresa, who made her bed among the outcasts, fed the hungry, and clothed the naked;

One: And the saints of West Parish who died over the past year, including: Tom Davis, Barbara Rogers, Rick Serodio, Everard Munsey, Bruce White, and Steve Howland.

ALL: As we recall the names of these witnesses, we pray that you will embolden us with the spirit of faithfulness that made them live for you. In remembrance of all your saints, let us worship together!

PRELUDE

Tune "Grande Isle"
with "Prelude in C Major"

J. Hopkins
J. S. Bach/arr. P. King

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: We are people of worth and value. When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation. Let us pray, putting our trust in the accepting grace of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done; we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, and renew our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the Good News in Jesus Christ: God loves us more than we love ourselves. God sets us free to love others. Thanks be to God!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ON BEFORE

Chuck Conway

ANTHEM

"Steal Away", "When the Saints Go Marching In"

African Amer. Spiritual

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34

SOLO

"The Gift of Love"

H. Hopson

MESSAGE

"Acing the Exam – Not Far from the Kingdom of God!"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #494 (Green) *“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”*

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.

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

“Trinity Blessing”
Bell Choir

J. Honore

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. 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.)

RESPONSIVE INVITATION

One: Open your hearts and spirits to the Holy One who invites us to this meal.

All: Taste the earth-borne gifts that bear the communion of Christ's presence.

One: Grain drawn from the soil, milled and mixed, kneaded and baked, form the loaf of our common life.

All: Grapes plucked and pressed, strained and aged, fill the cup of common hope.

One: All these, all of us, fearfully and wonderfully made by God:

All: All these, all of us, gathered to celebrate the mystery of presence in this communion and in all of life.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Lord, we thank you for your invitation to this table. We're glad we came. We followed your instructions; we ate the bread and drank the cup.

May this spiritual nourishment refresh and empower our body, mind, and spirit. Now we claim your promise to be with us as guide and teacher as we continue to follow you on the road of life.

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, with all the saints we declare: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #83 (Green) *"God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years"*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" G. F. Handel

(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:*

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
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)
Susie Huang (Bob Naylor's friend)
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
Bill McEwen (Susan McEwen's husband)
David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)
Stephen Merritt (Sharon Wyman's cousin)
Greg Miller
Robin Miller
Brian Murphy
Peggy Nelson
Jordan Northcross (Van Northcross' brother)
Colleen Pastore (friend of John Hunt)
Carol Polidoro
Savanna Ramotar (Sharon Hunt's friend)
Andrea Schwamb (friend of Robin Miller)
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 November 2, 2025

Sunday	11/2/25	10:00 am	Worship
		11:30 am	Deacons (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	11/3/25	9:00 am	FS Enrichment (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/4/25	11:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	WITS at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	11/5/25	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Faculty (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/6/25	10:00 am	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	11/7/25	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	11/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/9/25	10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	1717 MHF Annual Meeting (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our hosts today are Rob & Susan Downey.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ♦ **Thank you to everyone** who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse this year. Keep an eye out for the Poinsettias sign up in the December Rooster Crows newsletter and next year's Flower Calendar.
- ♦ **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 such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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