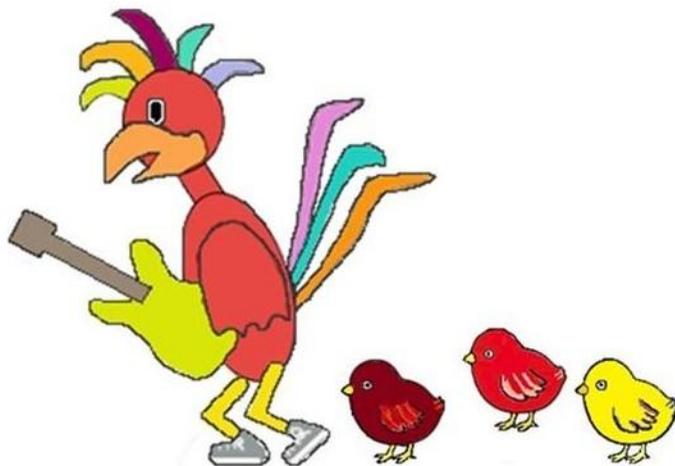


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 22, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Know this: God is God, and God, God.

He made us: we didn't make him.

We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: 'Thank you!'

Thank him. Worship him. Psalm 100: 3-4

**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 SON

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Green #590

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

*Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with then thousand beside.**

*Refrain*

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, with Pastor Reed and we have Steve Gregory as our musician 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

One: From the journey of life to a hope and a future, our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.

**Many: We join in worship and praise, to show love and faith for a true and faithful God.**

One: So, let us rejoice dear friends, in the God of our hope and our salvation!

**Many: We rejoice in you, O God. For all that you have done, all that you are, and all that you have promise. Let us worship together now, in praise and with thanksgiving!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Good and gracious God, thank you for being the faithful God that you are. Thank you for always providing our needs. Thank for you always watching over us. You are in the brightest of days and the darkest of nights. Though the year has been trying, we still have much to be thankful for. So may our worship today echo our gratitude and our steadfast love and faith in you. In Christ we pray, 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 8.*

Care for the poor.

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### **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

In the time of Jesus, sharing a meal with others was never a casual matter. But Jesus welcomed everyone – when he sat at table with all those society pushed to the margins, the ill, the tax collectors, those condemned as sinners, he proclaimed that God’s care knows no bounds.

We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God’ table and be nourished by the bread of life. Here is the bread, here is the wine.

## THE COMMUNION PRAYER

**Let us pray.**

**We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the height of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.**

**We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. WE thank you that you stamped his death with victory, and that Life, not death, has the final word. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by the same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants in the world. Amen**

## 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 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

Bring Me Sunshine by Kent and Dee



# Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 100

MEDITATION

What's Gratitude Got to Do with Us?

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Green #54

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendors of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine unto us so freely given,  
graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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 Cassie Estey, during the last 20 minutes of the service. We can always use an extra pair of hands. If you are 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 of November 22, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	11/22/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	11/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	11/24/25	8:30 am- 1 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Preschool Family Luncheon (J) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	11/25/25	8:30 am – 1 pm 5:00 pm	FS Pre-K Family Luncheon (J) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/26/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/27/25	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving</b> AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	11/28/25	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/29/25	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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**Embrace diversity.**

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

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

