

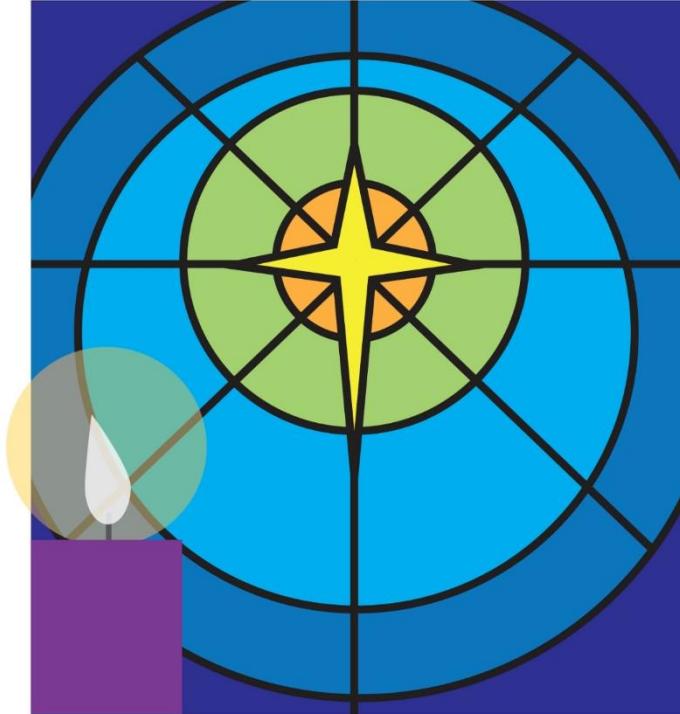
# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*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**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

November 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.” Isaiah 2:1*

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*

## GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME

Pastor Reed Baer

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (Maren Tirabassi & Howard Thurman)

*One: We light one candle this week to illuminate peace.*

*For as God lights both gentle dawn  
and a slash of lightning strike,  
we affirm all the ways we seek peace -*

*kind persuasion with eye contact,  
and a justice march with big signs,  
a silent vigil of prayer and fasting,  
and the gift of food, toys, or dignity  
for the most vulnerable,  
our quiet visits to therapist or recovery group,  
and loud demands to change gun laws.*

Two: We light a candle so we will listen to the angel mandate of 'Peace on Earth.'  
For ordinary, available, gentle and brave, is the peace of Advent.

**All: I will light Candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.**

\* HYMN #114 (Green)

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

PRELUDE

“Lo How a Rose/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(recorder/piano) arr. P. King

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We gather, longing for gentleness among all:*

**Many: peace is the home we seek.**

*One: We gather, longing for healing where there has been harm:*

**Many: peace is the home we seek.**

*One: We gather, looking for generosity to inform all actions:*

**Many: peace is the home we seek.**

*One: We gather, longing for peace in all part of life:*

**All: God is the home we seek.**

UNISON PRAYER

**We long for peace, O God, we long for peace.**

**We long for the day when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, when war is but a dim and unpleasant memory, when all peoples learn to wage peace, when personal enmity and greed and fear have long since been set aside.**

**All this and more we long for in our hearts, O God, and yet we also pray that you will equip us and embolden us now, where we live, as we live, to be partners with you, in ways small and large, to make this world a more peaceful place.**

**We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying . . .**

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.**

ANTHEM

“Christ Be Our Light”

B. Farrell

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

SOLO

“Christ, Everlasting Source of Light”

W. Meusel, D. von Kampen

MESSAGE

“Walking Uphill to Peace”

Pastor Reed

## THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #500 (Green)

*“O For a World”*

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

Advent Meditation  
with singing bowls played by Kathy Warren

\*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

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #426 (Green)

*“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"  
*(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)*

J. Pachelbel

\* 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:*

***Chloe Alexander & Alasdair McEwen***

(Susan McEwen's daughter-in-law & son)

***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)

***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)

***Randy Parker***

***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 30, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	11/30/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	12/1/25	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/2/25	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/3/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	12/4/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	12/5/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	12/6/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	12/7/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship West Barnstable Tree Lighting and The Christmas Story and Carol Sing

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

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our host today is Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** are given by Sharon & Bob Wyman. They were arranged by Jeanne Pelletier.
- ♦ **Thank you to everyone** who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse this year.
- ♦ **The Coffee Hour Host sign up** is on the 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.

# Christmas Poinsettias

The plants are on order to grace the Meetinghouse during the Christmas season.



Use this form and drop it off or mail it with \$6.00 (cash or check) by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> to the church office or P.O. Box 219, W. Barnstable, MA 02668

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication to read: In memory / honor / celebration of:

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(please print)

The plants will be available to take after worship on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

**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**

**Venmo @WestParish** or scan the QR code.



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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  
Paula King, Music Director  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair  
Alycia Williams, Family School Director

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor  
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