

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 after Christmas

December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth....
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”*

John 1

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 #160 (Green)

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile and make new.

Many: God has entered into our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.

One: Therefore we rejoice; praising God and exclaiming,

Many: Glory be to God in the highest, on earth, good will among people. Christ is born. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

UNISON PRAYER

Like those shepherds of long ago, today we come, O God. Our living rooms are still littered with shreds of wrapping paper – and we come.

Our refrigerators groan with left-overs – and we come.

We have received wonderful gifts and feasted extravagantly – and still we come.

We come to thank you for our blessings. We come to praise you for your goodness. We come because we hunger for you, because we thirst for the community of your people, because we need the gift of your Word and your presence.

Bless our coming with your Spirit, we pray. Grant that we might be strengthened in our faith; healed in our body, mind, and soul; and refreshed by your community.

We pray in the name of the One who came to us as Mary and Joseph’s beloved, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together . . .

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE	John 1:1-5,14-16	
SOLO	<i>"The People that Walked in Darkness"</i> Air for Bass	Handel
MESSAGE	<i>"What Child is This?"</i>	Pastor Reed
HYMN #153 (Green)	<i>"What Child is This"</i>	
HYMN #146 (Green)	<i>"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"</i>	
*HYMN #156 (Green)	<i>"I Wonder as I Wander"</i>	

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

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	<i>"In Dulci Jubilo"</i>	F.W. Zachow
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*SONG OF PRAISE

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #158 (Green)

“Good Christians All, Rejoice”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

arr. A L. Page

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.



Poinsettia Sponsors



- Steve & Mindy Abbott in loving memory of our parents:
Howard & Lois Abbott and Fred & Martha Strauss
- Barbara Cameron in memory of Vincent Conroy and Jean Birch
- Rik & Sandy Clark in memory of our parents
- Rev. Betsy Garland & Kim Baker in celebration of great-grandchildren: Willa and Itsuki
- Paul & Lisa Fackler in celebration of Henry Fackler Chen and
Chloe Fackler Chen
- Bobbie Jordan in celebration of family
- Ken & Diane Juthe in memory of our loved passed family members
- Greg & Jane Ketchen in memory of Gould & Charlotte Ketchen,
Clara & Arlan Skinner and Susan Emery
- Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer in celebration of our children & grandchildren
- Heiti & Bill Manning in celebration of our children, grandchildren,
and loved ones
- Toni & LeRoy Malouf world peace
- Laura Murphy in celebration of family and friends
- Gretchen & Bob Naylor in memory of Anna & Ray Naylor
and Phyllis & Herb Hoffman
- Jan Scarpatto in memory of my husband, Bob
- Peter & Betsy Smith in memory of Dr. Harold R. & Helen C. Smith,
Newton J. & Muriel P. Buren,
and Carol R. Woodruff and James W. Buren
- Bob & Shirley Stolte in memory of Elizabeth & Alfred Hodgkins and
and Lucia & Albert Stolte
- Annie Taber & John Linhares in memory of family who are no longer with us
- Sharon & Bob Wyman in memory of Sunny & Wesley Merritt
and Evelyn & Edward Wyman
- The 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in memory of Thomas Davis, Russ Gessner,
Donald Foster, Steven Howland, Everard Munsey, Barbara Rogers,
Rick Serodio, and Jay Tracy

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

Greg Opp (family member of Bobbie Jordan)

Chloe Alexander & Alasdair McEwen

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

Christopher Allen

(Carol & David Allen's grandson)

Rick Clay (Sharon Hunt's brother)

David Coward (Betsy Miller's brother)

Bill and Dottie Brower

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 (Joanna Wallace's friend)

Nelson Jenkins (Tripp Grohe's friend)

Dave & Barbara Kerns

(friends of Joanna Wallace)

David Kuehn

(friend of Robin Miller and Kim Baker)

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 (Joanna Wallace's friend)

Jacquie and Don Martin

Bill McEwen (Susan McEwen's husband)

David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)

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

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

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 December 28, 2025

Sunday	12/28/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	12/29/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	12/30/25	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Office Closed Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	12/31/25	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Thursday	1/1/26	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Friday	1/2/26	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Saturday	1/3/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/4/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

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.
- ◆ **Thank you to everyone** who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse this year. The **2026 Flower Calendar** is now up on the sign-up board in Jenkins Hall. 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 Host sign up** is on the board next to the kitchen pass thru window in Jenkins Hall. 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

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
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Susan McEwen, Office Administrator
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