

*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 17, 2026

4:30 p.m.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service**

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

**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 SONG

We All Need More Kindness in this World

Guy Davis

**We all need more kindness in this world.**

**We all need more kindness in this world.**

**You may look high and low, but there's no place else to go!**

**We all need more kindness in this world.**

**Hugging**

**Laughing**

**Sunshine**

**Friendship**

**Ukuleles**

**Kazoos**

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, and here is Pastor Reed, and we have Steve Gregory as our director of music 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

based on Micah 6:8

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before the God on high?

**God has shown us what is good.**

With what does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice,**

**To love kindness,**

**And to walk humbly with our God.**

In that spirit,

**We worship God.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

Dr. Martin Luther King's prayer for the church. Let us join together in saying his prayer.

**Lord, we thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children - Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow - will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, 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.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

**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

When it came to love, Jesus did not just talk the talk – he also walked the walk.

In his time, 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 love knows no bounds.*

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

#### THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, *“take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”* In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”*

Let us pray:

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and juice. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole as the bread and juice which we now eat, and drink are changed into us. May we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.**

#### THE COMMUNION

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.  
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and juice.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come for all things have been made ready.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Life-giving God,  
May we, who share Christ’s body, live his risen life;  
We, who drink Christ’s cup, bring new life to others;  
We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
So that we and all your children shall be free,  
And all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**



SPECIAL SONG (What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding Nick Lowe



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Micah 6:1-8

MEDITATION Remembering Martin and Keeping His Dreams Alive

Rev. Christie Burns

### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG We Shall Overcome

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome someday.**

**We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we'll walk hand in hand someday.**

**We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we are not afraid today.**

**God will see us through, God will see us through, God will see us through someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, God will see us through someday.**

**We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall live in peace someday.**

WORDS OF SENDING



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

Christie holds coffee hours at Nirvana in Barnstable Village on Tuesdays from 11 to noon.  
Call, text, or email for an appointment: 508-494-6409 [associatepastor@westparish.org](mailto:associatepastor@westparish.org).

“Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our youngsters, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, during the last 20 minutes of the service. 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 January 17, 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	1/17/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	1/18/26	9:15 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) Worship J. Murrelle Recital (M) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	1/19/26	4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Finance (G & Z) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/20/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/21/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	1/22/26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	1717 MHF (G) AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
<b>Friday</b>	1/23/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/24/26	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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*Protect the environment.*

*Care for the poor.*

**Forgive often.**

**Reject racism.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

**Embrace diversity.**

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

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

