

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

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,
suddenly the heavens were opened to him....”*

Matthew 3:16

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 (insert)

"Shall We Gather at the River"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we are reluctant to dip our toes into faith's river,

Many: Jesus comes, to teach us how to swim.

One: When we are hesitant to cup our hands to drink from the fountain of grace,

Many: Jesus comes, to reach in and splash our faces with God's joy.

One: When we are unwilling to be the pipeline of hope,

Many: Jesus comes, to turn on the faucets God has installed in our hearts.

One: Come, let us worship together.

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

recorder and keyboard, arr. P. King

UNISON PRAYER

Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness.

We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole.

Make each of us more aware of the Spirit's leadings. Give each of us the boldness to follow your Spirit, to live out our baptism by daily dying and rising to new life in Christ. Amen.

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

“Water of Life”

S. Dean

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Owen Thomas Wackrow

Child of Kathleen Margaret Wackrow and Paul Joseph Wackrow

Brother of James Wackrow

WELCOME

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS

QUESTIONS OF THE SPONSORS

Joshua Michael Miller and Julie Noreen Rackauskas

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

Many: We promise our love, support and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-16

SOLO

“Come to the Water”

J. Foley

MESSAGE

“Baptism – An Invitation to Blow Open Your Mind”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #306 (Green) *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

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

“Miniatures”

F. Peters

*SONG OF PRAISE

**O God, may we who bear your name
By gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ’s gift of peace on earth declare
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #327 (Green) *“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Another Year is Dawning”

Tune: Aulelia- S. Wesley, arr. M. McDonald

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

* All who wish, please stand.

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

Sarah and Cody Hudspeth (Sharon Hunt's niece and her husband)

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)

Gina Jacinto (Joanna Wallace's friend)

Nelson Jenkins (Tripp Grohe's friend)

Dave & Barbara Kern (friends of Joanna Wallace)

Sue Maki (Joanna Wallace's friend)

Bill McEwen (Susan McEwen's husband)

David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)

Greg Opp (family member of Bobbie Jordan)

Randy Parker

Carol Polidoro

Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

The Week of January 18, 2026

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| Sunday | 1/18/26 | 10:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm | Worship J. Murelle Recital (M) AA (J) |
| Monday | 1/19/26 | 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | Office Closed Finance (G & Z) AA (J) AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 1/20/26 | 11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm | Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) |
| Wednesday | 1/21/26 | 9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm | FS Science(J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 1/22/26 | 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm | 1717 MHF (G) AA (J) Compassion Collective (G) |
| Friday | 1/23/26 | 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) |
| Saturday | 1/24/26 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 1/25/26 | 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 hosts today are Annie Taber and John Linhares.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Bobbie Jordan in memory of her parents, Ida and Lloyd. They were arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ♦ **Thank you to everyone** who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse last 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, Vanco, 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

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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.

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