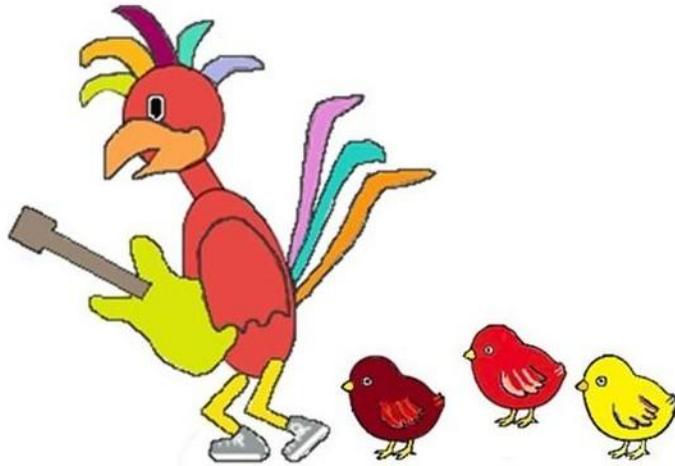


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 24, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Fishers of People

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea -for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

Matthew 4:18-19

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

Jesus is the Rock

Tony Congi

Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)

**When you wake up in the mornin' and the sky ain't bright and blue
When you wake up in the mornin' and the big world's after you
When you wake up in the mornin', Jesus gonna pull you through, cause**

Ya' know Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)

**When you're out on the street and you really feelin' down and low
When you're out on the street and there's nowhere else to go
When you're out on the street, well, Jesus gonna save your soul, cause**

Ya' know Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)

**When you look in the mirror - your face causes it to crack
When you're through with your day, and you feel like you've been attacked
Jesus gonna love you and baby, now that's a fact, cause
Ya' know Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (3x)**

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 Matthew 4:12-23

One: To those who sat in darkness, light has dawned; to those who lived in the shadow of death, a glorious presence has appeared! God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: Let us come, then, to worship the God of light and promise, to celebrate the hope and joy of His coming kingdom!

One: Jesus, the promised Light, has come to Galilee, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!"

All: He calls us, even now, to leave our nets, our burdens, our comfort, and follow Him!

One: Come, let us follow where He leads, out of the darkness and into His marvelous light, to learn, to proclaim, and to be healed!

All: Let us worship the Lord, our strength, our salvation, our guide into the new day! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One,

Your light dawns where our shadows are deepest.

You are never far, your presence remains with us.

Awaken us to the glimmers of your glory

breaking into our world's weariness.

Shine upon the paths we walk—

paths obstructed by fear,

uncertainty,
and the heavy burdens our communities carry.

Yet, your compassion rises like morning light!
Reveal in us the places where liberation
is already taking root.

Descend upon us, Spirit of the Living God.
Remain with us.
Awaken us.
And guide our worship
into the brightness of your new day.
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 10.

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

Jesus must have mastered the art of invitation. Matthew 4 tells in a few simple sentences how Jesus invited Simon and Andrew to put down their fishing nets and follow him. In the same text, Jesus then invites two other brothers, James and John, who were mending their fishing nets, to join with Simon and Andrew.

We follow in that model to invite each one here to put aside what has captured you most fully in order to meet Jesus at this table.

Turn off your phone.

Set down your "to do" list.

Stop listing who is present and who is absent from worship.

Let your eyes focus on this bread and cup,
and fully immerse yourself in *remembering*.

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

Peace Train

Cat Stevens



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 4:12-23

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

**You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you’ve called my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest.
Just these my fish nets and will for working.**

Refrain

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary –
a love that’s willing to go on loving.**

Refrain

**You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning;
as loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

Love God.

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.

“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 24, 2026

Saturday	1/24/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/25/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	1/26/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/27/26	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)
Wednesday	1/28/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	1/29/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
Friday	1/30/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/31/26	4:30 pm	Worship

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

