

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.”

Luke 4:28-30

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 #593 (Green)

“Here I Am, Lord”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved, this is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

Many: This is a place where the prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.

One: It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love.

Many: This is no ordinary gathering.

One: This is not ordinary place.

Many: This the is the house of God.

One: Come, let us worship together.

PRELUDE

“Wonderful Peace”

W. Cooper, arr. D. Hegarty

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

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

S. Temple, arr. J. Holstein

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-30 (The Message)

SOLO

"Blessed are They”

D. Haas

SERMON

“Time to Go From Preaching to Meddling”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #532 (Green)

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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

“Offertory”

Bell Choir

R. Mallory

*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 #530 (Green) *“Once to Every Heart and Nation”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE Meditation on “Melita” J. Dykes, arr. L. Smith
(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

Clyde Hunt (brother of John Hunt)

Jason Miller (Robin and Jim Miller' son)

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)

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

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)

Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlow)

Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

The Week of January 25, 2026

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 (M) 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
Sunday	2/1/26	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Deacons (G) 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.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Jeanne Pelletier
- ◆ **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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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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