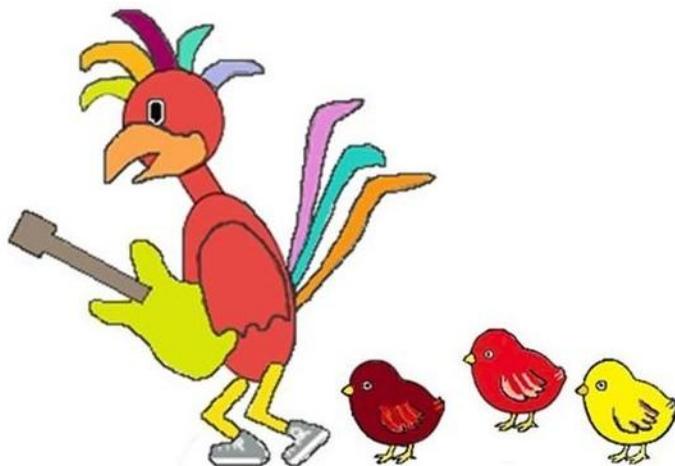


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 31, 2026

4:30 p.m.

## **The Beatitudes**

*Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.*

Matthew 5:8-9

**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

Our God Is an Awesome God

(sing 3 times)

**Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God**

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 5:1-12

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
the downtrodden and despairing,**

They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
who are grieving**

They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are the ones who seek  
justice and righteousness**

They will find it in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we when we love our neighbors  
and seek their needs**

We will live in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others  
in God's name.**

Let us worship together, serving one another  
and serving our Mighty God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER Please join in this responsive prayer.

Jesus says to his disciples:

**Happy are you needy ones:  
*The kingdom of God is yours.***

**Happy are you who are hungry:  
*You will be satisfied.***

**Happy are you who weep now:  
*You will be filled with laughter.*  
Rejected, insulted, happy are you;  
*Be glad and dance with joy.***

Jesus said: Take up your cross.

**We will follow you, O Christ,  
into the needs of the world,**

into the truth of our lives,  
into the pain of our hearts,  
into the presence of God. 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 invites us to join him here, at this table.  
Jesus invites us all – everyone who WANTS to come.  
There are no tests of faith to come here;  
no spiritual MCAS exam you have to first pass;  
no rule that you have to be good enough or pure enough.  
Just that you want to come.

#### 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

**We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love.  
We bless you for the bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none; when justice shall reign, when peace will prevail.  
We give you thanks for having sent Jesus Christ, to break down the walls that divide us and forge bonds of love; we give you thanks for the One who liberated us from the power of sin and death.**

**We ask you, Gracious One, to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us, that we might be strengthened to live lives of gratitude.**

**With the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you,  
God Most Holy.  
Amen.**

#### 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

**Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Open our eyes to see the gifts of this day, and strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Paul Simon



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 5:1-12

MEDITATION

Jesus Spoke from the Mountaintop

Rev. Christie Burns

#### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Get Together

The Young bloods

Love is but a song we sing  
Fear's the way we die  
You can make the mountains ring  
Or make the angels cry  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why

Come on people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another  
Right now

Some may come and some may go  
We will surely pass  
When the one that left us here  
Returns for us at last  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
Fading in the grass

Come on people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another  
Right now

If you hear the song I sing  
You will understand (listen!)  
You hold the key to love and fear  
All in your trembling hand  
Just one key unlocks them both  
It's there at your command

Come on people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another  
Right now

WORDS OF SENDING



# Love God.

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 31, 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	1/31/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	2/1/26	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Deacons (G) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	2/2/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2/3/26	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>	2/4/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	2/5/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
<b>Friday</b>	2/6/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	2/7/26	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**

