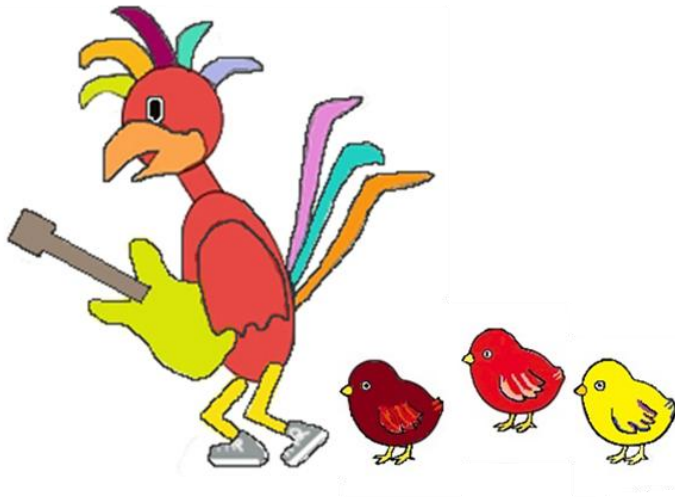


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 18, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Biblical

*"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of God will stand forever."*

Isaiah 40:8

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

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

Amy Grant

(Chorus)

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end**

Chorus

**I will not forget your love for me
And yet my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, hold me to your side
I will love you to the end**

Chorus

**Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end**

Chorus

**And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path**

WELCOME

Pastor Carl Heck

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 Carl Heck and here is Steve Gregory, 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

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come today to listen for Your word. Sometimes we hear faintly, other times not at all. Our bibles look nice on the shelf but can be difficult to read. Others can think it's all so clear but it doesn't always seem that way. Help us to listen with care, humility, and understanding. Speak to us as Jesus did, with love.

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

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As we have come around your table we have listened for You. If we have heard Your voice, may Your spirit guide us in receiving, reflecting upon, using and being grateful for Your word. If we have heard little or confused, continue to nourish and forgive us and fill us with hope. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Help Me Lord

Bonnie Raitt



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

11 Timothy 3:10-17

MEDITATION

Biblical

Pastor Heck

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Green #70

**O my soul, bless your Redeemer, all within me bless God's name;
bless the Lord and so remember bounteous mercies to proclaim:
Who forgives all our transgressions, and with mercy gently heals,
who redeems us from destruction, and with goodness kindly deals.**

**Far as east from west is distant, so God puts away our sin;
like a mother and a father, God compassionate has been.**

**As it was without beginning, so it lasts and never ends;
to our children's children ever, God's own righteousness extends.**

**Unto all who keep the cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way,
unto all who still remember God's commandments and obey.**

**Bless your Maker, ev'ry creature, all who live in God's control;
all throughout this vast dominion bless your Maker, O my soul!**

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.**

Thank you to Rev. Carl Heick for leading us in worship today.

Rev. Dr. Heick grew up in the United Church of Christ in Wellesley Hills. After being kidnapped by the Baptists, he served American Baptist congregations in New York and Massachusetts. He retired as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hyannis in 2012. For the last seven years he has served as co-Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hanson. He and his wife, Jane, live in Centerville. They are privileged to be new members of Wet Parish. Carl has had breakfast close to five hundred times with Rev. Reed Baer.

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

“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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Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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The Week of April 18, 2026

Saturday	4/18/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/19/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	4/20/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	4/21/26	11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Finance (G) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/22/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	4/23/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/24/26	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Stewardship (G) Knitting Group (J) AA (J)
Saturday	4/25/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/26/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

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

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Protect the environment.

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Love God.

Enjoy this life.

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

