

# *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**

Pentecost

Music Sunday

May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.”*

Acts 2:1-4

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)

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4, 12

The Message

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Today is a day for worshipful celebration! We come to celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church,*

**Many: and to open ourselves to God’s Spirit that it might fill us.**

*One: And we come to celebrate Music Sunday,*

**Many: embracing the Spirit-filled harmonies of choir and bell choir and congregational singing.**

*One: O God, help us to direct our thoughts to you, that your power might fill this church and our lives, as it has filled your people throughout the ages.*

**Many: Teach us, we pray, to be your church, and your people. Amen!**

PRELUDE

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

R. Lowry, arr. L. Smith

A LITANY OF THE SPIRIT (adapted from a song by Carl Daw, Jr.)

*One: Like the murmur of the dove’s song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,  
like the new flame’s eager might:*

**Many: Holy Spirit, come!**

*One: To the members of Christ’s body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,*

*to our midst as gift and sign:*

**Many: Holy Spirit, come!**

*One: With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:*

**Many: Holy Spirit, come!**

#### 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

“A Jubilant Song”

M.L. Lightfoot

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150

DUET

“With Songs of Rejoicing”

J.S. Bach, arr. H. Hopson

MESSAGE

“Praise God in Ebony and Ivory,  
Brass and Voice and Boomwhackers!”

Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #51 (Green)

“All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing”

#### 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

HAND BELL CHOIR

“Duke Street”

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Shirley Stolte

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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

W. Bradbury, arr. P. Harris

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Bob Gardiner

**From all that dwell the earth around  
Let thanks and praise, O God, resound.  
Receive these humble gifts, we pray;  
Let them your love, and ours, display. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #33 (Green)

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in a minor bwv 559”

J.S. Bach

*(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

*Judy Ginns* (friend of the Clarks)

*Beverly Lipson-Ketchen* (Greg Ketchen's sister)

*Christopher Allen* (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

*The Atsalis Family* (friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)

*Matt Burch* (son-in-law of Suzanne McMillan)

*Pat Clark* (family of Rik & Sandy Clark)

*Emy and Yessica* (friends of Christie Burns)

*Rudy Giannetti* (friend of Paula King)

*Donna Grohe*

*Tripp Grohe*

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

*Clyde Hunt* (brother of John Hunt)

*Gina Jacinto* (Joanna Wallace's friend)

*Dave & Barbara Kern* (friends of Joanna Wallace)

*Sue Maki* (Joanna Wallace's friend)

*Lily McCardle* (granddaughter of Elaine & Stephen Bartlett)

*Jason Miller* (Robin & Jim Miller's son)

*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 Datlowe)

*Joanna Wallace*

*Please notify the church office of any additions, deletions, or changes you wish to make.  
Call 508-362-4445, email [office@westparish.org](mailto:office@westparish.org), leave a note, or stop on by.*

**The Week of May 24, 2026**

<b>Sunday</b>	5/24/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	5/25/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/26/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/27/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 9:00 am 12:30 pm 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	5/28/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 10:00 am 5:00 pm 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) FS Open House AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	5/29/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/30/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	5/31/26	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 in Jenkins Hall after worship for Coffee Hour.** Our hosts today are members of the Adult and Hand Bell Choirs.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the altar today** were given in memory of Shirley Palmer. They were arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ◆ **The 2026 Flower Calendar** is 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 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.

**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.

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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

### **Church Staff**

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