

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



Here's the church.

Here's the steeple.

Open the door and see . . .

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Meeting

June 28, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“What a covenant, what a joy divine, leaning on the ever-lasting arms.”

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Our Saturday service and Saturday School are off until September.

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 #595 (Green)

“What a Covenant”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

One: Friends, God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Many: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and praise, because morning has broken, and we are here to enjoy the day!

PRELUDE

In Communion

Alexandre Guilmant

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE - 2016

Adopted by the congregation on the occasion of the 400th anniversary

We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God’s ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;
- openly welcome and affirm all persons;
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
- work for peace and social and economic justice;
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;

- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;
- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
- respect and preserve God's earth.

This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Rev. Betsy Garland, Liz Knox-Lupfer, Dan Lupfer

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you affirm your faith in God as your creator, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and light, and in the Holy Spirit as your strength and guide?

All: I do.

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

OWNING THE COVENANT

Pastor: We earlier recited the Covenant of West Parish of Barnstable. Do you so promise, covenant and agree?

Response: I do.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Pastor: Let us, the members of West Parish of Barnstable, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in Christ's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.

REETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND COVENANT SIGNING

SOLO

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

MEDITATION

“Blessed To Be In It Together”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #368 (Green)

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

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

Pastor Christie

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.

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

Voluntary in G Major

Samuel Jackson

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNUAL MEETING

We now continue with our Annual Meeting.

All are invited to attend and participate; members may vote.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Thank you to Charlene Higbe for being our guest organist today.

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:*

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)
The Atsalis Family (friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)
The Family of Pat Clark (family of Rik & Sandy Clark)
Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)
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)
Beverly Lipson-Ketchen (Greg Ketchen's sister)
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
Betsy Sinnigen
Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Joanna Wallace
Bryan Welch (Rik & Sandy Clark's grandson-in-law)

*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.*

The Week of June 28, 2026

Sunday	6/28/26	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Annual Meeting AA (J)
Monday	6/29/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Family School Summer Program Starts AA (J) AA (J) New Building Committee (G)
Tuesday	6/30/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	7/1/26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	7/2/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	7/3/26	10:00 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Office Closed Knitting Group (G) Pelletier Wedding Preparations (J) Wedding Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Saturday	7/4/26	4:00 pm	Pelletier/Irvin Wedding (M)
Sunday	7/5/26	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Annual Meeting (M) 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 Annual Meeting for fellowship and refreshments.**
Our host today is Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the altar today** were given by Matt and Cindy Tooker in remembrance of Martha Tooker's birthday. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **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

Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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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.

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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