

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

Christmas in July

July 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth....
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”*

John 1

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 #160 (Green)

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, sing and rejoice! God has come to us in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile and make new.

Many: God has entered into our existence of joy and sorrow, taking on human likeness in Jesus, born of Mary.

One: Therefore we rejoice; praising God and exclaiming,

Many: Glory be to God in the highest, on earth, good will among people. Christ is born. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

“Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

UNISON PRAYER

Like those shepherds of long ago, today we come, O God. Our living rooms, once littered with shreds of wrapping paper, have long ago been cleaned – and still we come.

Our refrigerators once groaned with left-overs – and still we come.

Half a year ago we received wonderful gifts and feasted extravagantly – and still we come.

We come to thank you for our blessings. We come to praise you for your goodness. We come because we hunger for you, because we thirst for the community of your people, because we need the gift of your Word and your presence. All the year long.

Bless our coming with your Spirit, we pray. Grant that we might be strengthened in our faith; healed in our body, mind, and soul; and refreshed by your community.

We pray in the name of the One who came to us as Mary and Joseph's beloved, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together . . .

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

THE CHRISTMAS STORY WHEN?

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1

*HYMN #128 (Red) *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* v.1,2

THE CHRISTMAS STORY WHERE?

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:3-7

HYMN #134 (Red) *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* v. 1, 2

THE CHRISTMAS STORY WHO?

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-12

HYMN #140 (Red) *"What Child is This?"* v. 1,3
#120 (Red) *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* v. 1, 3

THE CHRISTMAS STORY WHY?

* HYMN #152 (Green) *"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"*

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

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

“Ding, Dong Merrily on High”

tune: 16th c. French, lyrics: G. Woodward

*SONG OF PRAISE

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #129 (Red)

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

BWV 751, 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

Ella Curtis (Carol Allen's grand-niece)

Nick Wallace (friend of the Allen family)

Chuck Conway

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

The Atsalis Family (friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)

Bart Chase (friend of Rik Clark)

Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)

Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)

Rudy Giannetti (friend of Paula King)

Bob Gimby

Donna Grohe

Tripp Grohe

Robin Fryer

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)

Corinne Lilie

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

Bart Stevens (friend of Carol Allen)

Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)

Joanna Wallace

Chuck Wildman

*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 July 26, 2026

Sunday	7/26/26	10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Fran Moore Service (M) AA (J)
Monday	7/27/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Music (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	7/28/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	7/29/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	7/30/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	7/31/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/1/26		
Sunday	8/2/26	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 Paula McNabb, Peggie Bretz, and Bobbie Jordan.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Rik and Sandy Clark in celebration of their 45th anniversary. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Coffee Hour Hosts needed.** If you can spare some of your time to help at Coffee Hour, it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. The Coffee Hour Host sign up sheet is on the board next to the kitchen pass thru window in Jenkins Hall. Thank you. *ps Ted Gould will have the room set up and the coffee brewing.*

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.

Church Staff

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