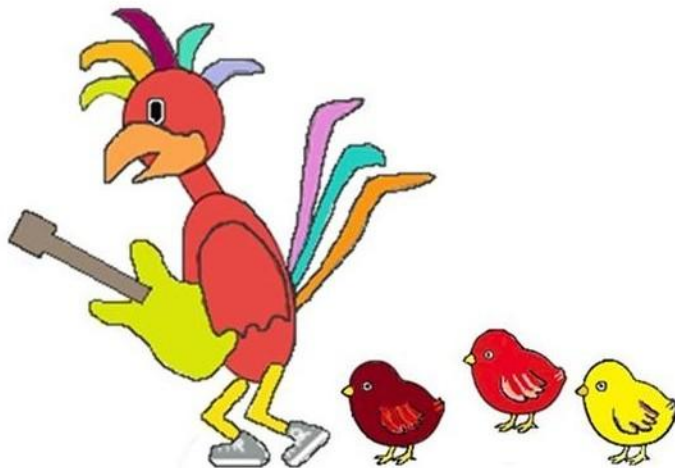


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 17, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Halloween

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. Psalm 23

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

Monster Mash

Bobby “Boris” Pickett & The Crypt Kickers

**I was working in the lab late one night
When my eyes beheld an eerie sight
For my monster, from his slab, began to rise
And suddenly, to my surprise
he did the Monster Mash**

**(The Monster Mash) it was a graveyard smash
(He did the Mash) it caught on in a flash
(He did the Mash) he did the Monster Mash**

**From my laboratory in the Castle east
To the master bedroom, where the vampires feast
The ghouls all came from their humble abodes
To get a jolt from my electrodes
they did the Monster Mash**

**(The Monster Mash) it was a graveyard smash
(They did the Mash) it caught on in a flash
(They did the Mash) they did the Monster Mash**

The zombies were having fun
The party had just begun
The guests included Wolf-Man, Dracula, and his son
The scene was rocking, all were digging the sounds
Igor on chains, backed by his baying hounds
The coffin-bangers were about to arrive
With their vocal group, The Crypt-Kicker Five
they played the Monster Mash

(The Monster Mash) it was a graveyard smash
(They played the Mash) it caught on in a flash
(They played the Mash) they played the Monster Mash

Out from his coffin, Drac's voice did ring
Seems he was troubled by just one thing
Opened the lid and shook his fist
And said, "Whatever happened to my Transylvania twist?"
it's now the Monster Mash

(The Monster Mash) and it's a graveyard smash
(It's now the Mash) it's caught on in a flash
(It's now the Mash) it's now the Monster Mash

Now everything's cool, Drac's a part of the band
And my Monster Mash is the hit of the land
For you, the living, this Mash was meant too
When you get to my door, tell them Boris sent you
then you can Monster Mash

(The Monster Mash) and do my graveyard smash
(Then you can Mash) you'll catch on in a flash
(Then you can Mash) then you can Monster Mash
Mash good!
Easy, Igor, you impetuous, young boy
Mash good! (Monster Mash)

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 music minister 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

One: The Lord is our shepherd.

Many: We are God's little sheep, and God takes care of us!

One: God gives us green grass to rest on and quiet water to drink.

Many: God gives us everything we need to feel safe and happy.

One: Even when things are scary or dark, we don't have to be afraid.

Many: Because God is right here with us!

One: God's goodness and love follow us every single day.

Many: And we get to live in God's house forever! Amen.

OPENING ACTION PRAYER (praying with our heart, body, and soul)

Loving God, let me follow you.

(Inhale, from foot to fingertips, stretch and reach out to the One who loves you)

No one provides as you do.

(Exhale, feel taken care of, provided for in every moment.)

Your guidance is clear and wise.

(Inhale, feel clarity and wisdom entering every pore of your skin.)

If harmful thoughts get in the way,

(Inhale, with your hands, wave away any ignorance and anger and ignorance.)

But with your help, they become harmless,

(Exhale, find rest and peace, and relaxation, on your exhale.)

Though life brings suffering,

(Inhale, breathe in God's mercy)

In your house, I am always welcome,

(Exhale, rest your body, heart, and soul, in God's hand.)

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 11.

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.

CALL TO THE MEAL

It is not for our virtue that we are here.
It is not for who we are that we are called to this table.
It is only for one reason—that God wants us.
So, come, leaving behind your baggage and burdens.
How you feel, who you are, what you have done,
at this moment does not matter.
There is a greater cause, there is a stronger voice.
It belongs to Jesus who, in bread and wine, says,
“I am here...for you.”

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

Yes, blessed is the One who was born among us,
who grew up without privilege or status,
who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world,
who told the deepest truths in ordinary language,
who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favor,
who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory;
who, for all this, was crucified, died and was buried,
who, for all this and for all of us, rose again;
who, though high in heaven, is present with us here and now.
Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread;
and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, **“Take this and eat it.
It is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.”**
Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
he said, **“In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of
my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.”**
God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did,
let your Spirit move among us to settle on this bread and this wine
that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.
And let that same Spirit stir our souls so that as we share this sacrament,
we may recognize our Lord and receive him that he may be in us and we in him forever.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time

gather us with blessed Mary, Mark, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and forever.

THE COMMUNION

All you who hunger and thirst for a better life,
for a deeper faith,
for a better world,
here is the bread of life:
feed on it with gratitude;
here is the cup of salvation:
drink from it and believe.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

One: Eternal God,

**All: we thank you that in Christ you have fed us with the bread of life:
may we who have tasted your bounteous gifts
proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth,
that all people might come to know that you dwell in our midst,
eager to greet your creation with abounding love and mercy;
we ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Bring Me Sunshine

Kent and Dee



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 23

MEDITATION

Halloween Happiness

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

When the Saints Go Marching In

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.
And when the sun begins to shine,
and when the sun begins to shine,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when the sun begins to shine.

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.

O when that final trumpet calls,
O when that final trumpet calls,
O Lord I want, to be in that number,
when that final trumpet calls.

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.

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.

The Week of October 17, 2026

Saturday	10/17/26	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Trunk or Treat (FS Teardrop)
Sunday	10/18/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/19/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/20/26	11:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Christie's Coffee Hour at The Old Village Store Barber Shop Group Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) Meet the Candidates Night (M)
Wednesday	10/21/26	9:00 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study Lunch Group (G) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J) Gala Committee (G)
Thursday	10/22/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/23/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) FS 50 th Anniversary Gala at Cotuit Center for the Arts
Saturday	10/24/26	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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 children and teens, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and Cassie Estey, 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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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,
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OF CHRIST**

