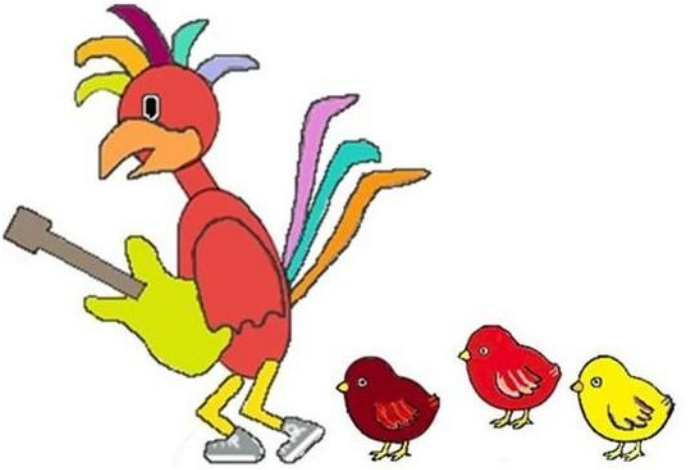
It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 24, 2026 4:30 p.m.

All Hallows/All Saints

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you.
Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you." - Matthew 5:4



OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:
PROGRESSIVELY UNTRADITIONAL: 21st century minds in a 1717 Meetinghouse!



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 The First Halloween lyrics by Steven Vaughn

The first Halloween, tiny tots disobeyed!
So they had no dessert and to bed they were laid!
But they dressed up in disguise so outside they could sneak!
And throughout all the streets seeking candy they'd shriek:
"Trick or Treat! Hand me a sweet! Or you'll smell my feet!
Please give me plenty of good things to eat!"

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 *Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto*

On this All Saints/All Souls weekend, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

We give thanks!

We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

We give thanks!

We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

We give thanks!

We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

We give thanks!

We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

We give thanks!

We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, we gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Lord Christ, your saints have given light to the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country, where you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



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:

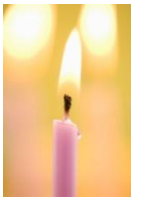
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

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.



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

Jesus invites us to join him here, at this table.
Jesus invites us all – everyone who WANTS to come.
There are no tests of faith to come here;
no spiritual MCAS exam you have to first pass;
no rule that you have to be good enough, or pure enough.
Just that you want to come.
Let us pray.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love.
We bless you for the bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none; when justice shall reign, when peace will prevail.

We give you thanks for having sent Jesus Christ, to break down the walls that divide us and forge bonds of love; we give you thanks for the One who liberated us from the power of sin and death.
We ask you, Gracious One, to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us, that we might be strengthened to live lives of gratitude.

With the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.
Amen.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST STUPPER

We remember
that on that last night,
Jesus gathered his friends around him.
He took the bread, *(take bread)*
and after giving thanks,
he broke it *(BREAK)*
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body given for you.

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, *(TAKE CUP)*
saying "This is the new covenant in my blood
given for you
and for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink of it
in remembrance of me.

Ministering to you in Jesus' name, we give you this bread and this cup.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are now ready.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Open our eyes to see the gifts of this day, and strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG Change Mavis Staples



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE Matthew 5:3-13

MEDITATION I Want to Be a Saint Too! Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Green #494

I sing a song of the saints of God patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not in the least, why I shouldn't be on too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

WORDS OF SENDING — Iona Community

The cross, **we will take it.**
The bread, **we will break it.**
The pain, **we will bear it.**
The joy, **we will share it.**
The Gospel, **we will live it.**
The love, **we will give it.**
The light, **we will cherish it.**
The darkness, **God shall perish it!**



CLOSING SONG — When the Saints

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

O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

O when they gather 'round the throne,
O when they gather 'round the throne,

Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.

O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown Him Lord of all.

And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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
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Please note that our services are both livestreamed and video recorded; your image may appear online.

The Week of October 31, 2026			
Saturday	10/31/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/1/26	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	11/2/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/3/26	11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at The Old Village Store
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	11/4/26	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		12:30 pm	Bible Study Lunch Group (G)
		1:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Faculty (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/5/26	10:00 am	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	11/6/26	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	11/7/26	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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Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
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