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
All Saints Day
A Day of Commissioning and Dedication

November 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me...."

Isaiah 61:1

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 #486 (Green) — *"For All the Saints"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come together joining hearts and hands.
Many: Weave them into a ribbon of faith and community.
One: Wrap the ribbon around creation in an endless embrace.
Many: That we may be one and leave no one out,
One: That we may be together, but never lost in the crowd.
Many: In our harmony, may we hear God's own true voice.
One: And in prayer, find something of eternity. Let us worship God.

PRELUDE — "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" — *Picardy,* arr. J. Cotter

SCRIPTURE — Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

LITANY OF DEDICATION AND COVENANT COMMISSIONING

One: The Spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me.
Women: Good news for the poor!
Men: Freedom for the captives!
All: A garland instead of ashes!
Two: The prophet Isaiah spoke these words, a message of hope in time of need.
Pastor: Jesus spoke these words, scripture fulfilled through his life and teachings.
One: We speak these words, for we are the body of Christ, called to carry on the ministry Jesus started.
Two: We speak these words, for we are a community born of the Spirit.
All: The Spirit of God is upon us, for God has anointed us!
One: We are called to preach the good news, to proclaim Christ's love through our words and our actions,

Women: we are called to sing and pray with passion, to struggle for justice and work for peace.
Two: We are called to bind up the brokenhearted and comfort those who mourn – to visit the sick and sit beside a suffering friend, to welcome the stranger and befriend the lonely ones.
Men: We are called to build up the ancient ruins – to build community where there is isolation and homes where there is homelessness, to honor our tradition and create new ways to serve Christ.
Women: We are called to be the oaks of righteousness – rooted in our faith and nourished by one another, steady and faithful, always growing and changing, spreading seeds on fertile soil.
All: The Spirit of God is upon us, for God has anointed us!
One: On our own, we will be overwhelmed.
All: We need each other.
Two: We need clergy and laity, youth group leaders and church school teachers, coffee hour hosts and ushers, people who pray, people who fundraise, people who crawl organs, people who brave foreign missions;
One: choir members and bell ringers, people who hammer nails and people who lobby Congress, people who count the beans and people who roast the beans for coffee hour.
Pastor: On our own, we will fall short.
All: We need God's help.
Two: We need scripture to ground us; we need worship to enliven our spirits; we need lots and lots of prayer.
One: Today we invite everyone to participate in this service of dedication, covenant, and commissioning. We celebrate the ministry of our pastors, we celebrate the ministries of our Boards and Committees, we celebrate the ministries of each person in this Meetinghouse, for each of us is called to be part of the good news. We covenant together and we pray for each other.
All: Let us covenant together.

(All who are able may rise)

Two: Do you, people of the Spirit, promise to listen for the voice of God, speaking in scripture, in silence, through the voice of your neighbor and the voice of the stranger?
All: We promise, relying on God's grace.
One: Do you, the anointed ones, promise to proclaim the good news of God's love, using the particular gifts you have been given?
All: We promise, relying on God's grace.
Two: Do you, members of the body of Christ, promise to honor and support one another, and will you seek to work together in the service of God's love and justice?
All: We promise, relying on God's grace.
One: Do you, brothers and sisters in Christ, promise to pray for one another?
All: We promise, relying on God's grace.

Two: Let us bring our hearts to God in prayer. God of possibility, we praise that you have gifted us and called us to be your ministers. Anoint us to do your work. Bless us with passion and commitment, with courage and wisdom, with strength and gentleness, with faith and love.

All: Spirit of God, be upon us.

One: God of community, strengthen the ties that bind us together. Teach us to listen carefully to one another, to honor each other's gifts, and to celebrate our differences. Weave the many strands of giftedness in this room into a strong and beautiful fabric of love. Call us beyond ourselves, to serve all your people.

All: Spirit of God, be upon us.

Two: God of covenant, bless those who minister on behalf of West Parish of Barnstable, that we may be wise and faithful and creative, that this be a community of healing and transformation. Bless those who minister in our homes and in our streets, in our hospitals and in our schools, in our places of work and of recreation, that we may bring the love of Christ and the hope of justice wherever we go.

All: Spirit of God, be upon us. Amen.

(Please be seated)

MUSIC "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Scott/Hopkins

(During the playing of this music the ushers will distribute ribbons to all)

BLESSING OF THE MINISTERS

Place a ribbon around the shoulder of the person next to you, saying,
"May the Spirit of God be upon you."

MUSIC "When the Saints Go Marching In"
arr. R. Foris (*Men's Barbershop Choir*)

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:16-21; Acts 2:1-4a

MESSAGE "You, The Anointed Ones" Pastor Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #353 (Green) *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

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

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.

SOLO "O God of Mercy" S. Lole

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 "Miniature" F. Peters

*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God for love we all may share
Praise God for beauty everywhere
Praise God for hope of good to be
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #494 (Green) *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE "Rejoice in God's Saints"

Laudate Dominum, arr. D. Cherwein

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.

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

The genesis of this service, together with the framework of the Litany, comes from a past Saturday worship service at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference at Mount Holyoke College's Abbey Chapel, whose worship planners are gratefully acknowledged.

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

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)
Rik Clark
Chuck Conway
Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)
Ella Curtis (Carol Allen's grandniece)
Tad DeMarco (Robin Fryer's brother)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Rudy Giannetti (friend of Paula King)
Bob Gimby
Donna Grohe
Tripp Grohe
Gail Grossman (friend of Robin Fryer)
Sarah and Cody Hudspeth (Sharon Hunt's niece & her husband)
Clyde Hunt (brother of John Hunt)
Jerry Hunt (son of John and Sharon 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)
Summer Mendes and her sister
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)
Annie Taber
Cal Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Joanna Wallace
Nick Wallace (friend of the Allen family)
Macayla Washburn and her family
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 November 1, 2026

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
Sunday	11/8/26	10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	1717 MHF Annual Meeting (M)
		5:00 pm	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 Annie Taber and John Linhares.
- **The flowers gracing the altar today** are in memory of Ruth Northup. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- **The 2026 Flower Calendar is full!** Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the flowers this year. Look for a new calendar in the coming months.
- **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 signup 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.*
- **Signing Up** A gentle reminder to please use your full name when signing up for Flower sponsorship or Coffee Hour. There are quite a few folks with the same first name and Susan in the office does not know everyone's handwriting.

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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