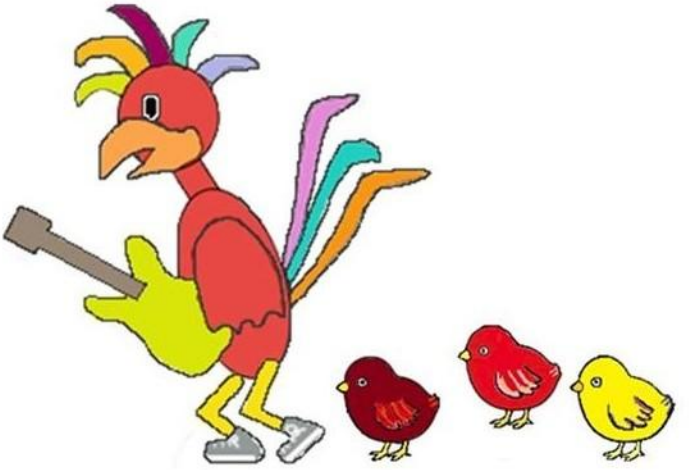
It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 7, 2026 4:30 p.m.

Keeping God's Light Lit

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.
Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps."
Matthew 25:1-4



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 I Saw the Light Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I was a fool to wander and a-stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

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
In our wisdom and foolishness,
We gather for worship.
Though some of us are more prepared than others,
We are all here.
With bright lights and dim,
We wait together for the expected One.
Look! Come out! Keep awake!
For God is here.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 100 *Jubilate Deo*
Be joyful in the Lord,
all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.
Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age. **AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER
Merciful God, we confess that our lamps often burn low. You have entrusted us with the light of your grace, yet we grow drowsy and complacent in our daily routines. We waste our time on things that fade and neglect to tend to our relationship with you. Forgive us for living as though we have endless time, and for failing to prepare our hearts for your presence. Awaken us from our slumber, rekindle our faith, and fill us anew with your Holy Spirit so that we are ready when you come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 11.





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.

THE PEACE Iona Community

As the bread we shall break was scattered through fields and hills before being gathered to become one,
so, may we and all people be gathered from the ends of the earth into Christ's Kingdom.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God
It is right to give both thanks and praise.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER
Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it,
he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it,
he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God,
sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next
in the coming Kingdom of God.

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.
We offer you praise, dear God,
and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love

UNISON PRAYER
Christ comes close to us
and we come close to Christ.
Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea and sky, we glorify your holy name.
Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body,
vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink
are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone,
flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.

Invitation to Communion
Look, the Body of Christ is broken
for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all things have been made ready.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
God of peace,
Whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the Kingdom
And restored the broken to wholeness of life:
Look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
And by your healing power
Make whole both people and nations;
Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG Sun Shine Lee Rivers



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE Matthew 25:1-13

MEDITATION Keeping God's Light Lit Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

By our love, by our love

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

By our love, by our love

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

WORDS OF SENDING Iona Community
Look at your hands: see the touch and the tenderness.
God's own for the world.
Look at your feet: see the path and the direction.
God's own for the world.

Look at your heart: see the fire and the love.
God's own for the world.
14Look at the cross: see God's Son and our Saviour.
God's own for the world.
This is God's world.
And we will serve God in it.



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 November 7, 2026

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)
Monday	11/9/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/10/26	11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at The Old Village Store
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:45 pm	W. Barnstable Civic Assoc. (G)
Wednesday	11/11/26		**Office Closed**
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/12/26	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back
		10:00 am	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J)
		4:00 pm	Rooster Crows Fair Committee(G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	11/13/26	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	11/14/26	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 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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Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
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Share earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.
God is still speaking,
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