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



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Founders Day Celebration

November 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.

"They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations."

Isaiah 61:4

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday School is offered for our children and youth at the 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 #418 (Green) *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather for worship today in the same way as did those who built this Meetinghouse all the way back in 1717.

Many: Now, as then, gather the aged pillars of the church, those stout oak beams whose faith has endured over the long haul.

One: Now, as then, gather those resilient saints, who in the same way as arching beams are bent to the task of supporting a roof, bend themselves to the ministries to which they are called.

Many: Now, as then, gather those with gifts for reconciliation and concord, who through their presence bind us together as small pegs lock beam to truss, pillar to post.

One: Now, as then, gather we all, stewards of a living church, breathed into life by God's loving spirit, built into the church of Jesus Christ.

Many: We gather for worship today in the same way as did those who built this Meetinghouse all the way back in 1717: in thanksgiving, and with praise!

PRELUDE *"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"* L. Mason, arr. R. Thygerson

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, we offer thanksgiving and praise to you on this festive Founders Day. We give you thanks for those who responded to your call to establish this church.

We acknowledge our gratitude for the continuing ministry and mission of our church through the years. We thank you for all that our church has meant

to its members, and to those its ministry has touched, and to the United Church of Christ.

Look upon us this day with mercy. Bless us as we reconsecrate ourselves to you. Help us preserve the best of the past and to be open to a new vision. May this local church long continue to be a sign of your Spirit and a witness to Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-4

"HOW PRESERVATION FEEDS MY SOUL" Jeanne Pelletier

SOLO "Beautiful City" S. Schwartz
(sung by Jeanne Prendergast)

MESSAGE "Our Call to Rebuild the Ancient Ruins" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #411 (Green) *"We Would Be Building"*

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

ON THE HERITAGE SOCIETY Bruce Benwood

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 *"My Faith is Like an Oaken Staff"* T. Lynch

*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #596 (Green) *"Stewards of a Living Church"*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE *"Rondeau"* J. Mouret

(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.

All are invited to stay for a brief annual meeting of the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation, after which we will gather for coffee hour in Jenkins Hall.

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

Thank you to our guest soloist, Jeanne Prendergast, for sharing her talents with us today.

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
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)
Terry 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)
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)
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 8, 2026

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
Sunday	11/15/26	10:00 am	Worship
		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 host today is Ted Gould.
- **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Carol Allen in memory of family. They were arranged by Diane Juthe.
- **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

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 like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

Church Staff

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