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
25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

"... and I heard a voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals....'"

Revelation 21:3

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 — *"I'll Fly Away"*

Some bright morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To that home on Gods celestial shore
I'll fly away

***Refrain*: I'll fly away, oh glory**
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly
I'll fly away

Refrain

Oh how glad and happy when we meet
I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet
I'll fly away

Refrain

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end
I'll fly away

Refrain

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
One: With all the everyday saints who have shown God's love
People: we gather today.
One: With all the everyday saints who have proclaimed God's name
People: we gather today.
One: With all the everyday saints who have suffered for truth
People: we gather today.
One: With all the everyday saints who have given of themselves
People: we gather today.
One: With all God's everyday saints
All: we all gather today.

PRELUDE "Arise, My Soul, Arise" CHODAN, arr. D. Forrest

UNISON PRAYER

Wondrous God, you have made yourself known across time and space in the bodies of a great cloud of witnesses. You have spoken in voices of challenge and grace, you have touched in hands of healing and nurture. You have walked in processions of mourners and parades of celebration. Your heart has ached at injustice and leapt with hope at mercy.

Surround us now with the presence of the saints who have embodied your love. From Sandwich to Sri Lanka, from Eastham to Etton, your name is praised and your Spirit walks. As we sense the saints around us, may we be moved to run the race given us in this day and place; may we be Christ's body in our age as they were in theirs. This we pray in the name of 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.

SOLO "On Eagle's Wings" M. Joncas

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:2-5

MESSAGE "Heavenly Thoughts" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN 493# (Green) *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"*

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

BELL CHOIR "To All Things Now Living" Welsh melody, K.K. Davis

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 "Basse de tierce du premier ton" L. Chaumont

*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 #594 (Green) *"Come, We Who Love God's Name"*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE "Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren" J. G. Walther

(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.

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:

New to the Prayer List

Patricia Dimartile (friend of the Moellers)

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)
Randy Parker
Carol Polidoro
Betsy Sinnigen
Bart Stevens (friend of Carol Allen)
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 15, 2026

Sunday	11/15/26	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	11/16/26	all day	Greens (J)
		4:00 pm	Council (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
		7:00 pm	AA (M)
Tuesday	11/17/26	all day	Greens (J)
		8 am – 2 pm	Pre-K Conferences (G)
		11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at the Old Village Store
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
		7:00 pm	WITS at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	11/18/26	all day	Greens (J)
		8 am – 2 pm	Pre-K Conferences (G)
		12:30 pm	Bible Study Lunch Group (G)
		1:00 pm	Bible Study (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
Thursday	11/19/26		Rooster Crows Articles Due
		all day	Greens (J)
		all day	Jewelry Room (G)
Friday	11/20/26		**Rooster Crows Set Up Day**
Saturday	11/21/26	9 am – 2 pm	**Rooster Crows Fair**
		4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/22/26	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 hosts today are Carol Allen and Robin Fryer.
- **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Peggie Bretz in memory of her father Bill. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- **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 soon.
- **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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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.

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