

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 10, 2022

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Joy

*Mary said, "With all my heart I glorify the Lord!
In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.
He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.
Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored
because the mighty one has done great things for me." Luke 1:46-49*

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:

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

Embrace diversity.

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

Joy to the World

Hoyt Axton

Jeremiah was a bull frog
Was a good friend of mine
I never understood a single word he said
But I helped him drink his wine
And he always had some mighty fine wine

Joy to the world
All the boys and girls
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea
Joy to you and me

If I were the king of the world
Tell you what I'd do
I'd throw away the cars and the bars and the wars
Tell you I love you

Joy to the world
All the boys and girls

Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea
Joy to you and me

You know I love West Parish
with Pastor's both Christie and Reed
I get a free name tag and there's song I can sing
and I always get what I need
It's a really great place to besingin!

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WELCOME

Pastor Christie

*One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years.
We are glad you are here with us today. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, here's Pastor Reed
and here's our music leader Steve Gregory and 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 the midst of cold days and long nights,

God offers joy.

As we miss holiday traditions that are not possible this year,

God still offers joy.

Though we wonder what the future holds and how long this pandemic will last,

God continues to offer joy.

Even as we face illness and grief,

God's joy abides.

OPENING PRAYER

(from The Season of Waiting, and waiting, and waiting by Kate Bowler)

God, we don't yet have hold of it, but we can almost feel it—or at least the memory it - the joy that our hearts so long for, the fulfillment of all our hopes, the completion of our loves, the perfection of beauty brought near.

Blessed are we who lift our eyes and recognize even from afar that it is you. It was you all along.

Oh God of truth and light, of hope and joy, though we do not grasp fully, our small steps to know the way we should go: it is the way of joy that delights in love.

And in the meantime, we wait in expectation, for the refreshing you do, the gathering of all that is, into your heart of mercy. God have mercy. Christ have mercy. Spirit have mercy. Alleluia, Christ has come! And will come again in glory!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: On the Third Advent Sunday, we light three candles,
celebrating the community of faith,
those we know and many we may never meet
who turn their hearts to the manger story.

People: We light a candle of our deep **hope** (*pause, light*)
and a candle for the **peace** we have learned
from our close relationships, (*pause, light*)
and a candle of sheer **joy**
that God-with-us includes faithful people
of all times and places.

Leader: In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus reminded us
that many would come to table from east and west,
north and south, to share a menu of joy.

People: Emmanuel, God be with us, in the week to come.
Bless our hopes, strengthen our peace,
stir the embers of joy into a simple smile
and the unexpected laughter of togetherness. Amen

Forgive often.

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

Text to Give instructions are on page 10.

Care for the poor.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

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.

INVITATION



PRAYER OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a Covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker
and Communion by intinction.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, you are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end and all that comes in
between. We give thanks for the simple things of life: bread and juice and
remembrance. Thank you for remembering us even now, even today. Amen.

The children and their teachers may now go over to Jenkins Hall for Saturday School.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

What Child Is This

Traditional



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 3:7-18

MEDITATION

The Sights of Christmas

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #134

Joy to the World

Composer G.F. Handel

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
let earth her songs employ;
let fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Christ rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

WORDS OF SENDING

Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

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.

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

Our "Saturday School" is underway, a special class for our youth, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, 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.

Christie holds coffee hours 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Bread & Roses in Hyannis on Mondays. Call, text, or email her for an appointment: 508-494-6409; associatepastor@westparish.org



by recycling this bulletin.

Text to Give!

West Parish is now accepting donations via text! It's easy:

1. Text 866-593-7761 (the give-by-text number for West Parish) and in the body of the message enter the amount you wish to donate and send.
2. You will receive a registration link. Click on it and enter your contact and payment information, and then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.

You only need to register and set up your payment information once.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Add "West Parish Give by Text" as a contact on your phone to make it even easier!

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Week of December 10, 2022

Saturday	12/10/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	12/11/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	12/12/22	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	12/13/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	12/14/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	12/15/22	8:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast @ Jack's Outback Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	12/16/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	12/17/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service

Key: FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom



Christmas Poinsettias

Sponsor our Christmas Poinsettias!

The plants are on order to grace the Meetinghouse during the Christmas season.

Use this form and drop it off or mail it with \$ 12.00 (cash or check) by Dec. 11th
to Susan in the church office or P.O. Box 219, W. Barnstable, MA 02668

Donor _____

Dedication to read: In memory / honor / celebration of

(please print)

The plants will be available to take after the Worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
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