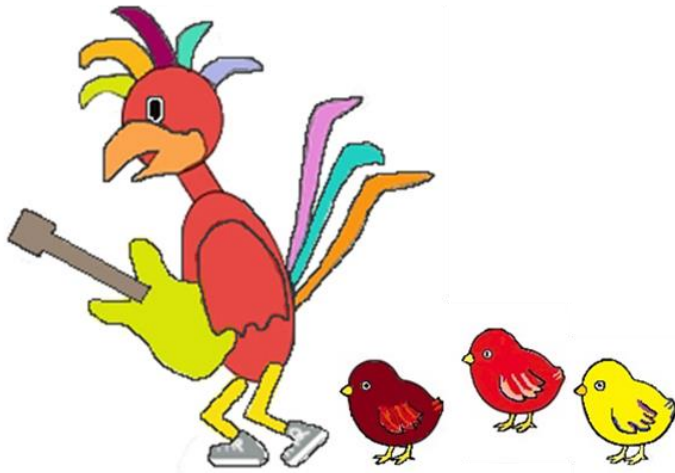


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 14, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Be Baptized!

"The moment Jesus came up out of the baptismal waters, the skies opened up and he saw God's Spirit—it looked like a dove—descending and landing on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: "This is my Son, chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life."

Matthew 3:16-17

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

“As I Went Down to The River to Pray”

Alison Krause

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

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 Steve 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

OPENING PRAYER

(inspired by Psalm 29)

One: Give glory to the Creator and bow in holy splendor!
Many: The voice of the Creator renews and rebirths.

One: Give glory to the Holy One and bow in holy splendor!

Many: The voice of the Holy One redeems and restores.

One: Give glory to the Living Water and bow in holy splendor!

Many: The voice of the Living Water refreshes and revives. Glory to God!

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Holy One, we confess our need for grace and mercy. We seek forgiveness for the ways in which we have drawn away from you and our neighbors. We express remorse for our participation in the systems of the world that are actively opposed to your kingdom. Transform us to be carriers and promoters of your good news of new life, liberation, and hope in the world. 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 BAPTISM LITURGY

John the Baptist told his disciples that he baptized them with water but the one to come would baptize with the Holy Spirit. On your way up to light a prayer candle,

please dip your finger in the baptismal bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead and whisper these words: “I am God’s beloved. I am baptized.”

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

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a Covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker
or 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

Take Me to the Water

Al Green



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 3:13-17

MEDITATION

Remember You are Baptized!

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG # 327 “I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry”

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

If you find some one to share your time join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borbning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day that you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

WORDS OF SENDING

Go in hope, that the world will hear the Voice and know Love.
Go in joy, for the transforming work of the Spirit has made you new.
Go in peace, and share the good news of Jesus Christ.
Be baptized in the world. Amen.



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

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

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

Let us hope
By some good pleasure
Safely to
Arrive at home
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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!

We are excited to announce that 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 January 14, 2023

Saturday	1/14/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/15/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/16/23		Office Closed
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	1/17/23	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		4:30 pm	Finance (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	1/18/23	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Board (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	1/19/23	1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	1/20/23	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	1/21/23	4:30 pm	Worship Service

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

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God is still speaking,
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