

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Founders Day Part 2

November 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

All are invited to stay for the full service today.

We offer Saturday School for our children and youth at our 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 #80 (Green) *“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”*

*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

“At the Rising of the Sun”

D. Paxton

A TIME TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

(As your name is called out, please come forward to stand at one of the two sides of the communion table; if you are a veteran but have not had your name called, please come forward as well.)

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR VETERANS

One: O God, we give you thanks today for our nation's veterans. We honor them for their faithful service to our country, and for what they have done to defend and preserve our freedom.

Generation after generation, young men and women have answered our country's call, and their lives have been changed forever.

Many: We are grateful for all who have served, whether in peacetime or in conflict.

But today we especially remember those who have been tempered by fire, those who continue to bear wounds of the body, mind or spirit as a result of what happened.

They lie in our veterans' hospitals or struggle for recovery in rehabilitation centers; they suffer from post-traumatic stress and survivor's guilt; they yearn for peace in their souls.

One: Dear God, we ask that you heal their wounds, banish whatever inner demons may haunt them, and give them peace within so that they may return fully to their families and to society.

Many: We thank you, God, for all of our country's veterans – those of past generations, and those who continue to earn this title today.

May we never forget what our country has asked of them and what they have given in return. Help us to give them the respect and honor they are due. And strengthen our resolve to build a world modeled on your realm, where war will be pursued no more.

One: We ask your blessing for the family members who have made great sacrifices to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way.

Many: We ask your blessing for the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return, and for families who suffer the effect of those who came back wounded in body, mind, or spirit.

One: This we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together saying . . .

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.

*HYMN (insert)

“Ever Faithful to the Call”

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-7

SOLO

“Let the People Sing Hosanna”

V. Johnson

SERMON

“You Shall be My Witnesses... to the Ends of the Earth”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #483 (Green)

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

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

ANTHEM

“How Great Thou Art”/”Majesty”

arr. J. Raney

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

“Miniature no. 26”

F. Peters

*SONG OF PRAISE

Bob Gardiner

From all that dwell the earth around

Let thanks and praise, O God, resound.

Receive these humble gifts, we pray;

Let them your love, and ours, display. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #472 (Green)

“I Would Be True”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Songs of the Ascension

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

Improvisation - P. King

(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.

VETERANS AT WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE

Matt Lee, United States Navy (1992-2015, JAG Corps)
Sven Borglund, United States Navy (South Pacific, 1944-1946)
Greg Ketchen, United States Coast Guard (1970-1997)
Travis Sheppard, Senior Chief, United States Coast Guard (1995-2018)
Randy Parker, United States Army Reserves (1971-1984)
Matt Tooker, United States Army (combat support hospital)
Bob Stolte, United States Army Signal Corps (1965-67)
Roy Thomas, United States Army (Signal Corps, 1951-1953, Korean War)
Rik Clark, United States Army (Security Service, 1952-1955)
Peter Smith, Captain, United States Army Dental Corps (1972-1974)
Donald C. Rockwood, United States Army (May 1958-1961) Army Reserves (1961-63)
Steve Abbott, United States Air Force Medical Service Corps (1966-1969)
Allen Nelson, United States Air Force, Air National Guard
Rick Quast, United States Coast Guard (1989-1997)
LeRoy Malouf, United States Air Force (1955-1957)
Bob Wyman, United States Army (1969-1971)
Earl Marryat, United State Coast Guard (1953-1956)
Dan Lupfer, United States Army (1969-1972)

Ever Faithful to the Call

Tom Lough
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1. Hold them safe, O Lord, we pray,
 2. When their work comes to an end,
 3. Touch our vet - 'rans, Lord, we pray.
 4. Lord, we thank You grate - ful - ly

All our sold - iers in harm's way,
 Bring them home to us a - gain,
 Keep their minds at peace each day,
 For the ones who keep us free,

Keep - ing peace both night and day,
 As our praise and prayers a - scend,
 So their hearts can firm - ly stay
 May they al - ways bold - ly be

E - ver faith - ful to the Call.

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THE CALL

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)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Rick Clay (Sharon Hunt's brother)
Neil Constantine (Alexander Constantine's brother)
David Coward (Betsy Miller's brother)
Bill and Dottie Brower
Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
George Flynn (Betsy Miller's brother)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Susie Huang (Bob Naylor's friend)
Deidre Hunt (Sharon and John Hunt's daughter-in-law)
Gina Jacinto (Joanne Wallace's friend)
Nelson Jenkins (Tripp Grohe's friend)
David Kuehn (friend of Robin Miller and Kim Baker)
Gary Komosky (Chris Haven's brother)
Martha Lant (Peggie Bretz's sister-in-law)
Meredith Leonard (Debbie Barrette's mother)
Cheryl Lickteig (Jeanne Douglass' friend)
Adrienne Locklear (Kelly and Macayla Washburn's family)
Sue Maki (Joanne Wallace's friend)
Jacquie and Don Martin
Bill McEwen (Susan McEwen's husband)
David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)
Stephen Merritt (Sharon Wyman's cousin)
Greg Miller
Robin Miller
Brian Murphy
Peggy Nelson
Jordan Northcross (Van Northcross' brother)
Randy Parker
Colleen Pastore (friend of John Hunt)
Carol Polidoro
Savanna Ramotar (Sharon Hunt's friend)
Andrea Schwamb (friend of Robin Miller)
Joanne Stubbins
Nancy Sturgis (Joanne Wallace's friend)
Benji Stuart (Heiti and Bill Manning's grandson)
Jim Sweeney (Randy Parker's brother-in-law)
Calvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (Karen Datlowe's friend)
Nancy Woodman (Marianne Williams' friend)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

The Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday	11/16/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	11/17/25	all day 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Greens (J) Finance (G & Z) AA (M) AA (M)
Tuesday	11/18/25	all day 11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Greens (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (M)
Wednesday	11/19/25	all day 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Greens (J) Bible Study (G) AA (M)
Thursday	11/20/25	all day 5:00 pm	Greens (J) AA (M)
Friday	11/21/25		Fair Set Up Day
Saturday	11/22/25	9 am-2 pm 4:30 pm	Rooster Crows Fair Worship
Sunday	11/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

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

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our hosts today are Mike & Sandy Howard.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** are given by Peggie Bretz in memory of her father Bill. They were arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ◆ **Thank you to everyone** who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse this year. Keep an eye out for the Poinsettias sign up in the December Rooster Crows newsletter and next year's Flower Calendar.
- ◆ **The Coffee Hour Host sign up** is on the sign-up board next to the kitchen pass thru window in Jenkins. If you can spare a little of your time to help at our Sunday *Coffee Hour*, it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. Thank you.
- ◆ **Prayer List** – 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.

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 such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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