

*West Barre
United Methodist Church*

*November 27, 2011
10:45 am, Worship*

*CHORUS: "This Is the Day" by Les Garrett

"This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made."

GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

the Chandler Family

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Christ shall come, God's gift to the world.

PEOPLE: That the desperate should find hope, and the persecuted should find peace;

Liturgist: That the lonely should find love, and the dejected should find joy.

PEOPLE: O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come! Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 211

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI # 70

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 pg. 166

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children going to the Nursery may leave after the Children's Time)

CHORAL ANTHEM: "When Love Is Born Anew"

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 pg. 50

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our faith falters when You are hidden from us; in your seeming absence we become afraid. We cry out and shake our fist at heaven, declaring You to be deaf and uncaring when our prayers seem unanswered, when You do not speak and move as we desire, in the moment we prefer. When in listening for your voice there is only apparent silence, when we see no visible change in situations of desperate need, we wonder if You are there. In expecting You to speak in a voice that leaves no room anywhere for our faith, we miss your speaking in "the still small voice," and in expecting the mountain to be moved, we miss your subtle shifting of the sand.

We are an impatient people, O God; your silence frustrates us and angers us, and we do not hesitate to let You know this. We fail to find that You are not distant but present in the darkness, present even in the silence that rings in our ears. Forgive us and restore us, O God, that we may be saved from ourselves. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (by the Pastor)

JOYS, CONCERNS & MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OF OURSELVES

Offertory Music:

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

(Children attending Children's Church may leave during the Hymn)

*HYMN: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 196

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 pg. 694

MORNING MESSAGE: "Waiting for God to Return"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" # 203

CHRIST'S LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*UNISON BENEDICTION IN SONG "Alleluia" # 186 (verse 1)

*POSTLUDE

* Means please stand if you are able.

WELCOME! Welcome to this place of praise and prayers as we gather as a part of the family of God. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to those around you and the Pastor, and join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Please see an Usher if you would like the following:

- Activity packets for use by children during the worship service.
- Children's Bulletins
- Audio equipment for the hearing impaired
- Pew Bibles and Large Print Bulletins

WELCOME, visitors! Please sign the Attendance Register at the back of the sanctuary if this is your first visit.

Coffee hour follows the service in the adjoining chapel. The Hospitality Team invites you to join us for a time of fellowship.

GOD'S SERVANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Organist: Naomi Caldwell

Choir Director: Hugh Dudley

Liturgist: Joy Markle

Greeters & Ushers:

Nursery:

Children's Church: Melissa Dibley & Rachel Corke

Flowers:

Bulletin Secretaries: Sherril Hickman & Ann Preston

The Missions Committee is selling 2012 Calendars with beautiful color photographs for \$6.00 each. The profits from these calendars will be used for a future Mission Project. Calendars are available in the Chapel during the Fellowship time. Thank you.

Our Church Life Together

Today, November 27: 8:45 am, Elba UMC Worship; 9:30 am, West Barre Sunday School; 10:45 am, West Barre UMC Worship

Monday, November 28: 7:00 pm, Troop 175 meeting at West Barre; 7:00 pm, West Barre UMM meeting at Bob Collins

Tuesday, November 29: 1:30 pm, WB Memorial Committee; 7:30 pm, West Barre Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 30: Pastor Larry's Day off; 6:30 pm, Girl Scouts at West Barre

Saturday, December 3 : 7:00 am, West Barre UMM Breakfast; Pastor Larry's Sabbath; 2:30 pm, "A Christmas Story" at Lancaster Opera House

Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed December 3 & 4 at the Albion Tops store from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm – 2 hour sessions. See Gary Antinore for details or to sign up.

Lectionary readings for December 4:

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Next Week:

Greeters: Bill & Danny Shuler

Ushers: Bill & Danny Shuler

Flowers: WCC

Lay Reader: Kerri McKenna

Nursery: Jenny McKenna & Samantha Markle

Children's Church: None – Communion Sunday

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