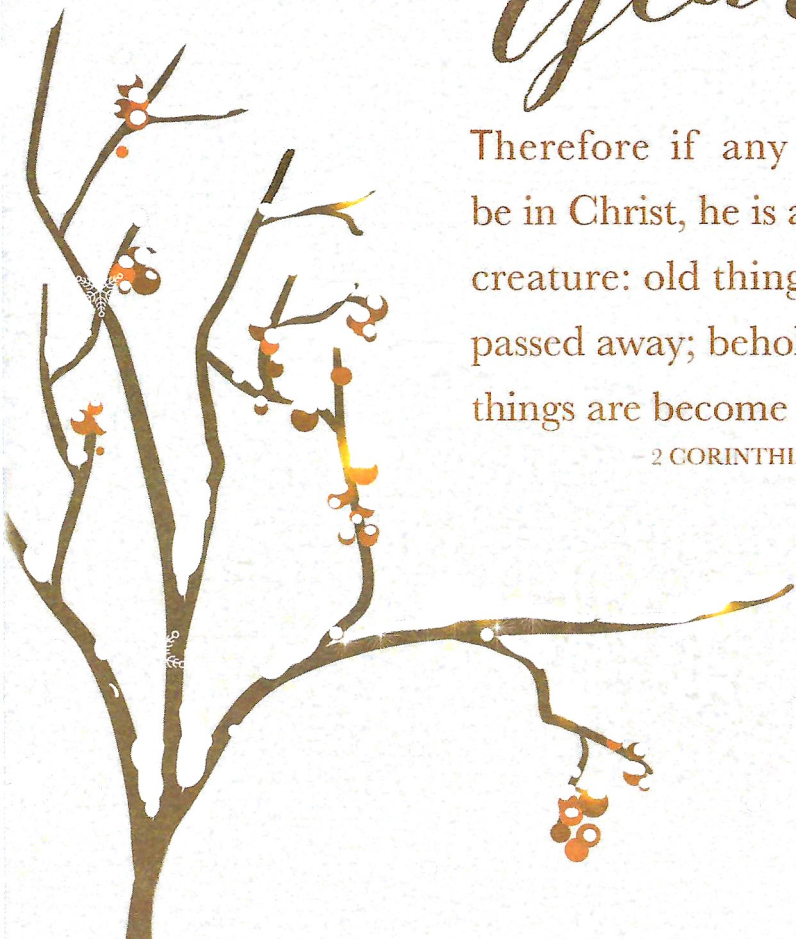


Happy New Year

Therefore if any man
be in Christ, he is a new
creature: old things are
passed away; behold, all
things are become new.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



West Barre Church

Sunday Worship

December 31, 2023

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude:

Opening Chorus

O Come and Go with Me To My Fathers House
King Jesus Will be There In My Fathers House
There's Joy and Gladness There In my Father's House

Bringing in the Light (acolytes)

***Call To Worship (Ana Gobledale)**

Leader: People of the world, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

People: We step into the new year with faith!

Leader: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

People: We step into the unknown with hope!

Leader: People of hope, it is time to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

People: We step forward together as God's family!

***Unison Prayer:**

We thank Thee O Lord that if any person is in Christ he is a new creature. That the old things are passed away and that all things are made new.

We thank Thee O Lord that nothing is impossible with You. We thank You God that we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us.

**We thank you Lord, that You have begun a good work in us,
and that you will perform it until the day of Jesus' Christ.**

**We look forward to this coming year in joy and hope, and in
believing the promises of Your Word. Abide with us as we
move forward in faith.**

**May Your blessing and favor rest on our families and on this
church. This we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen**

***Hymn "O Worship the King" UMH# 73**

Choir Anthem

Faith Declaration:

**This is my Bible. Every word in it is true. The truth
shall set me free, and the truth will keep me free. I
choose to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only,
and to faithfully respond to the call of Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Lesson: Joshua 1:1-7 Page 302

Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

***Hymn "O Come and Dwell in Me" UMH #388**

**Morning Meditation "Part of Something Bigger Than
Ourselves"**

Receiving of the Morning Offering

Doxology UMH #95

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UMH #383**

Sharing God's light with the World (acolytes)

Benediction: (from Chris Tomlin's song)

Light of the World you stepped out into darkness. You opened our eyes that we may see. Shine Your light upon us Jesus. Shine through us as the light of the world. Amen.

***Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

To access our website, type: westbarreumc.org

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

Pastor Jim usually is in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, he will probably be working from home for a couple of weeks. He is available on his cell phone if he is not here in the office. (716) 523-7542.



Assisting in Worship

	Today 12/31	Next Sunday 1/7
Preaching:	Rev. James Heiler	Rev. James Heiler
Greeters/Ushers:	Ed & Diana Pask	Danny Shuler, Cheryl M. & Vicky H.
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Ed & Diana Pask	Danny Shuler, Cheryl M. & Vicky H.

Announcements:

Wednesday (3rd): 6:30 pm Ad-Council

Looking ahead:

Sunday (7th): 9 am Choir

December Monthly Mission: Jesus' gift to the
Lipson Cancer Foundation – patient services
The Hope you want. The cancer care you need.

January Monthly Mission:



Lamentations 3:22-24 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'"

I Chronicles 16:11 "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually"

Financial Statement:

December 24, 2023		\$ 2,434.00
Giving to Date:		\$121,363.00
Included in giving:		
Jesus Gift	\$570.00	\$ 2,480.00

Birthday's this week:

4 ~ Louise Henderson

5 ~ Roger Chandler, Jim Brumbaugh



O Worship the King

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1. O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove,
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833 (Ps. 104)

MUSIC: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815

LYONS
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1. O come and dwell in me, Spir -
 2. Has - ten the joy - ful day which
 3. I want the wit - ness, Lord, that
 4. I ask no high - er state; in -

it of power with - in, and bring the glo - rious
 shall my sins con - sume, when old things shall be
 all I do is right, ac - cord - ing to thy
 duple me but in this, and soon or la - ter

lib - er - ty from sor - row, fear, and sin.
 done a - way, and all things new be - come.
 mind and word, well - pleas - ing in thy sight.
 then trans - late to thine e - ter - nal bliss.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (2 Cor. 3:17; 5:17; Heb. 11:5)
 MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; adapt. by William Crotch, 1836

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This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

Unison

1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us
 *5. In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.
 to taste and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

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*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)

MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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