

**THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN**

- Today, Jan. 13th:** 9:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Circle (Disciples Classroom)  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship
- Mon., Jan. 14th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
9:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Parker
- Tues., Jan. 15th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
10:00 a.m. - District VIII Clergy @ VB Christian  
6:00 p.m. - Pastoral Relations  
7:30 p.m. - Elders
- Wed., Jan. 16th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
11:00 a.m. - Preschool Chapel  
7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 1  
7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., Jan. 17th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
10:00 a.m. - Bag Food @ Oasis
- Fri., Jan. 18th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
10:00 a.m. - Bag Food @ Oasis
- Sat., Jan. 19th:** 8:00 a.m. - CMF Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - Deliver Food @ Oasis  
7:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Craddock
- Sun., Jan. 20th:** 9:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Circle (Disciples Classroom)  
9:45 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship  
2:00 p.m. - MLK Worship Service @ New Light CC

**OFFERING**

**WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00**

Received for Budget: (January 6, 2008)	\$ 4,748.70
General Building Fund:	
(Donation by John & Mary Dolan, St. Amant, LA \$250.00)	350.00
Memorial Fund: (In memory of Quinon Brown)	50.00
Other: (Donuts, Initial)	74.80
<b>TOTAL for January 6, 2008</b> .....	<b><u>\$ 5,223.50</u></b>

**Who is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?**

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) originated on the American Frontier during the early 19th Century. Its first leaders were Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell, Presbyterians who reacted against sectarian frontier religion and urged a union of all Christians founded upon the restoration of New Testament Christianity. They advocated adult baptism by immersion, weekly observance of The Lord's Supper, and autonomy of the local congregation.

Congregations accept new members through a confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from other denominations. Worship styles vary from congregation to congregation, but all observe communion each Sunday. The communion table is open to all. It is a place where we come to experience the power of God's love and the grace of Jesus Christ in the breaking of bread and the drinking of the cup. Our gathering at the communion table is the central focus of our worship service.

Disciples advocate freedom and embrace diversity. We are a non-creedal tradition which means that creeds and doctrines do not dictate how we are to live out our faith. Each person is challenged to study the scriptures and discern God's will for their own life. The Christian Church has always served as a "bridge church" or a common ground for people with diverse denominational backgrounds. We believe in welcoming *all* people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Who is West Side Christian Church?**

The West Side Christian Church had its beginning on July 1, 1956 when 105 members of the Park View Christian Church, located on Hatton Street in downtown Portsmouth, were commissioned to organize a new Christian Church in the West End. The newly formed congregation held its first worship service on July 8, 1956 in the Grove Park Seventh Day Adventist Church on Winchester Drive. Attendance was 131. Those temporary facilities were utilized until the first unit of the present plant was constructed. In August of 1956, both the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Christian Men's Fellowship groups were chartered.

West Side Christian Church recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has recommitted itself to doing ministry in the city of Portsmouth. We see ourselves as a loving and caring congregation open to where God is calling us. In many ways, we are like a giant family committed to one another and to Jesus Christ. With nearly 400 members, we are continuing to grow and hope you will consider making West Side your church home.



**Established 1956**

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**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

**Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister  
Becky Barclay, Music Director**

# Welcome to West Side Christian Church

~January 13, 2008 ~

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## \*\*GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Morning Meditation" Becker

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Bob Nutting

Elder: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:  
I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

**ALL: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.  
By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.**

Elder: God takes us by the hand and leads us.  
In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**ALL: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.  
Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.**

Elder: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.  
Listen for the new thing God declares.

**ALL: We remember that we have been baptized.  
May we live as those with whom God is pleased.**

\*WORSHIP HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" CH, 67  
(vs. 1-4)

## \*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than burning wicks, that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world. Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the marketplace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying, "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 for ever and ever. Amen."

\*GLORIA PATRI CH, 35

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 41:1-9

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. Ray

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL:** We pray, O God, that our offerings delight you. We bring them to encourage all who work for justice and peace on our behalf, that they may not grow faint or be crushed by opposition. May the oppressed find healing, the discouraged receive hope, and those who are bound discover freedom, through and beyond our efforts. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN "Are Ye Able', Said the Master" CH, 621

*The Lord's Table is open for all who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat of the bread as it is passed and drink of the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD Elder, Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Lois Pyles

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown

ANTHEM "The Potter's Hand" Zschech  
arr. Larson

SERMON TEXT Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON "Immersed in God's Love" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION "God of Grace and God of Glory" CH, 464

*During the singing of the hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Brown

\*POSTLUDE "Adagio from Organ Sonata III" Guilman

## DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Dave Lowman, Melinda Powers, William Brown, Pam Brown

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

Dick Cornwell, Mark Warren, Ann Hall, Dickie Hayes, Dawn Price, Debbie Johnson, Sharon Jenson, Betty McCrickard, Jimmy Bracy, Ron Riffle, Herschel Carter, Matthew Davis, Brenda Lohse, Gray Family, Fritts Family, Maureen Powers, Dawn Weiss, Wilda Dryer Christine Bradley, Jessica & Michael Gates, Kristin & Anthony Williams, Cavanaugh Family, Sandy Phillips, Phillips Family, Judy Kelly, Masil Jones, Ben Adderholdt, Branch Family, Connie Hutto, Esther Daniel, Melodie Bronson, Joseph Irwin, Sarah Crawford, Bobby Ryder, Tara Weinmann, Ellen Nelson.

## SHUT-INS

Rev. Glenn Weaver, Ruth Blackman, Sylvia Dickens, Sandy Cotton, Dennis Davenport, Roland Thornton, Al Hemby

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

\*\*At the conclusion of the announcements, children ages 3-8 are dismissed to attend "Worship and Wonder", following a prayer with Rev. Brown

