

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

- Today, 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 Christian Church
- Mon., Jan. 21st:** Office & School Closed
 9:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Craddock
- Tues., Jan. 22nd:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
- Wed., Jan. 23rd:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 1
 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., Jan. 24th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 6:30 p.m. - Disciple Men's District Meeting
 New Light Christian Church
- Fri., Jan. 25th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 6:00 p.m. - Depart West Side for
 Makemie Woods
- Sat., Jan. 26th:** 5:00 p.m. - Depart Makemie Woods
 6:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Craddock
- Sun., Jan. 27th:** 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

OFFERING

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00

Received for Budget: (January 13, 2008)	\$ 3,215.00
General Building Fund:	170.00
Memorial Fund: (In memory of Rachel Powell)	50.00
Other: (Donuts, Basketball Shirts, Credit Card Reimbursement, Flowers)	141.02
TOTAL for January 13, 2008	<u>\$ 3,576.02</u>

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.

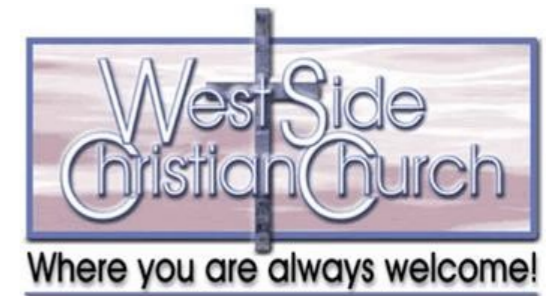
Congregations accept new members through a confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from other denominations. Worship styles vary from congregation to congregation, but all observe communion each Sunday. The communion table is open to all. It is a place where we come to experience 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 50th 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.



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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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

Welcome to West Side Christian Church

~January 20, 2008 ~

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**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Pethel

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Larry Hackler

Elder: Have you understood God's thoughts towards us?
Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

**ALL: We are here to receive God's message.
Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.**

Elder: Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;
God is calling us as servants and as saints.

**ALL: Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way.
We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.**

Elder: Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being.
Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks.
We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.**

*WORSHIP HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" CH, 100

*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: God, we wait for you to hear our cries. We come from desperate situations and many moments of despair. Then, when you call us together, we are challenged to be and to do more than we have already faced. We have spent our strength. How can we do more? Will you renew us here? We feel that we have labored in vain. Will you help us make sense out of our failures? Come with your saving help. 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

RECOGNITION AND INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP (See Insert)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 49:1-7

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Andante Religioso" Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: God of the saints in every age and time, we are grateful for the privilege of being numbered among them as we invest our gifts from you. Because of your generosity, we have not lacked for anything we really need. Grant now that our words and deeds may follow our offering into loving service in your realm. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN "Spirit Song" CH, 352

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, Larry Hackler

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Mary Redmon

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown

ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Ringwald

SERMON TEXT John 1:29-42

SERMON "Get Personal" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION "Take My Life and Let It Be" CH, 609
(stz. 1, 2, 3, 6)

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 "Postlude in G Major" Cramer

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Rick Lahy, Cindy Wallace, Jake Widener

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Dick Cornwell, Marlene Whitehurst, Mark Warren, Ann Hall, Dickie Hayes, Dawn Price, Debbie Johnson, Betty McCrickard, Jimmy Bracy, Ron Riffle, Herschel Carter, Matthew Davis, Brenda Lohse, Gray 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

