

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

- Today, 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
- Mon., Jan. 28th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 2
9:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Parker
- Tues., Jan. 29th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
6:00 a.m. - Transition Team
- Wed., Jan. 30th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 1
7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., Jan. 31st:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
- Fri., Feb. 1st:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
6:00 p.m. - Worship & Wonder Workshop
- Sat., Feb. 2nd:** 9:00 a.m. - Worship & Wonder Workshop
6:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Parker
- Sun., Feb. 3rd:** 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. - Worship & Wonder Workshop
4:00 p.m. - Super Bowl Party

OFFERING

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00

Received for Budget: (January 20, 2008)	\$ 2,240.45
General Building Fund:	48.00
Memorial Fund: (Quinon Brown)	20.00
Other:	
(Donuts, Flowers, Assistance, Retreat, Pancake Breakfast, CMF)	519.10
TOTAL for January 20, 2008	<u>\$ 2,827.55</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.

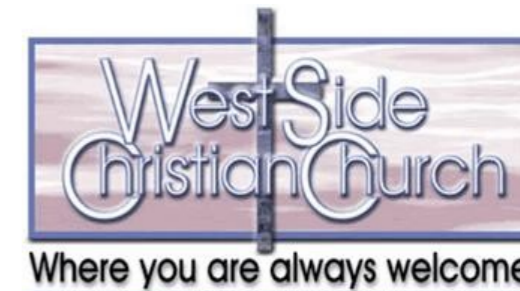
Congregations accept new members through a confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from other denominations. Worship styles vary from congregation to congregation, but all observe communion each Sunday. The communion table is open to all. It is a place where we come to experience 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 27, 2008 ~

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**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder, Larry Hackler

PRELUDE "Reflection" Asper

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, David McCrickard

Elder: Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.
Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

**ALL: Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.
Our losses seem greater than we can bear.**

Elder: God is our light and our salvation.
God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

**ALL: Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.
We come now, seeking God's face.**

Elder: Come, behold the beauty of our God.
Come to find shelter in a day of trouble.

**ALL: We will sing and make melody to God.
We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.**

*WORSHIP HYMN "O God of Vision" CH, 288

*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Shine on us today, gracious God, for we need the light and salvation you offer. Come to each one gathered here, and to all who are a part of this community of faith. Come to our city, our nation, our world, to still the quarrels and dissolve the enmity among us. Come with good news of health and wholeness for everyone. Do not cast us off, do not forsake us, O God of our salvation. 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 9:1-4

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Chapel

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Prayer" Guilmant

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in poverty of despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN "In This Very Room" CH, 295

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, David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Lynne Thomas

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Elder, Larry Hackler

ANTHEM "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SERMON TEXT Hebrews 11:1- 2, 8-12, 17-19

SERMON "Faith Journey" Rev. Chapel

HYMN OF INVITATION "Jesus Calls Us" CH, 337

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. Chapel

*POSTLUDE "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" J.S. Bach

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Rick Lahy, Cindy Wallace, Jake Widener

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Hailey Leigh, 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

