

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

- Today, 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
 5:00 p.m. - Spiritual Gifts
 6:00 p.m. - Super Bowl Party
- Mon., Feb. 4th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 2
 7:00 p.m. - Green Lakes Civic League
- Tues., Feb. 5th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 5:30 p.m. - Pancake Supper
- Wed., Feb. 6th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Open for Prayer
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 1
- Thurs., Feb. 7th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 10:00 a.m. - CWF Lydia
 7:00 p.m. - CWF Sarah (Olive Garden)
 7:30 p.m. - CWF Rebekah
- Fri., Feb. 8th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
- Sat., Feb. 9th:** 6:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Craddock
- Sun., Feb. 10th:** 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
 12:00 p.m. - Chi-Rho
 1:00 p.m. - Administrative Cabinet
 5:00 p.m. - Spiritual Gifts

OFFERING

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00

Received for Budget: (January 27, 2008)	\$ 2,685.25
General Building Fund:	575.00
Scholarship Fund:	100.00
Other: (Donuts, Flowers, Preschool Taxes, Retreat, Initial)	1,311.10
TOTAL for January 27, 2008	\$ 4,671.35

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

~February 3, 2008~

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**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "He Leadeth Me" Bradbury-Ray

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Kitty Baker

Elder: The coming of a new day calls us to anticipate God's dawn.
The day of God's dawning is like a morning star rising.

**ALL: The light of God is like a devouring fire.
God's brightness is too intense for our gaze.**

Elder: Come up to the mountain of God's presence.
Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

**ALL: We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty.
We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.**

Elder: Look up, and do not be afraid.
Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

**ALL: We will serve our God with fear and trembling.
Happy are those whose refuge is in God.**

*WORSHIP HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" CH, 27

*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Amazing God, as elders of old sought high places of encounter with you, lift us up above the fogs of our technology and theology that we might meet you in this hour. If you have instructions for us, we want to hear them. If our lives need a change of direction, turn us around. If there is a prophecy we have ignored, reveal to us its meaning for us. If the Scriptures hold truth we have overlooked, awaken our attention and grant us courage to respond in new and positive ways. 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 Exodus 24:12-18

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Contemplation" Armstrong

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: God of clouds and devouring fire, we are amazed by the experiences of Moses and the disciples of Jesus. They point us beyond our everyday attempts to be faithful to you. Enrich our lives in the season we are entering, that we may see the lamp of your love shining amid the shadows. Let your new day dawn among us as we invest ourselves in your purposes for humanity. May we sense the morning star rising in our hearts, giving hope to a world reclaiming the values of your reign among us. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" CH, 425

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, Kitty Baker

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Fred Fritts

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown

ANTHEM "God of Grace" arr. Fettke

SERMON TEXT Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON "Transfigured by the transfiguration" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION "Wonderful Words of Life" CH, 323

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 "Thanks Be to God" Handel

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Nina Milam, Karen Hartzog, Allison Nutting, Dudley DeStefano

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Joe Diggs, 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, 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*

