

**THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN**

- Today, 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  
 1:00 p.m. - Administrative Cabinet
- Mon., Feb. 11th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 2  
 9:00 p.m. - Basketball @ Parker
- Tues., Feb. 12th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
 7:00 p.m. - Official Board
- Wed., Feb. 13th:** 9:00 a.m. - FC In Use (Preschool)  
 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten  
 6:00 p.m. - Worship Committee  
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 1  
 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., Feb. 14th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
- Fri., Feb. 15th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
- Sat., Feb. 16th:** 8:00 a.m. - CMF Breakfast  
 6:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Craddock
- Sun., Feb. 17th:** 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. - FC In Use (Terry)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Today's chancel flowers are given honoring Freda Pyles on her 93rd birthday by George, Lois and Brittany.
- Week of Compassion offering will be collected during the weeks of February 17th and 24th. Please prayerfully consider giving as God leads you.

**OFFERING**

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00

Received for Budget: (February 3, 2008)	\$ 5,599.49
General Building Fund:	592.00
Other: (Donuts, Pancake Supper)	21.50
<b>TOTAL for February 3, 2008</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,212.99</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 it's 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.



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**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

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

# Welcome to West Side Christian Church

~February 10, 2008 ~

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## \*\*GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Smith

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Lois Pyles

Elder: We have entered into the season of Lent.  
Sundays, however, are not a part of Lent.

**ALL: We have entered a wilderness time.  
Yet this day of worship is an oasis in the desert.**

Elder: We are here to worship the God of all creation.  
We gather to remember God's revelation in Jesus.

**ALL: Today we revisit the Garden of Eden.  
We remember God's overflowing generosity.**

Elder: We worship God, who gives us choices and limits.  
Are we open to God's counsel and instruction.

**ALL: Today we remember the temptations Jesus faced.  
We want to learn to make good choices.**

\*WORSHIP HYMN "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" CH, 285

## \*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** We listen for your voice, holy God, amid the clamor of a world that scarcely notices this season of self-examination and instruction. Too long we have heeded the serpents among us whose craftiness beckons us away from faith and faithfulness. We delight in forbidden fruits and complain when they turn sour. Lead us, faithful Spirit, through the wilderness of our own creation, that we may once more find our way to you. Instruct us in the way we should go, and counsel us day by day. Help us rediscover your steadfast love. 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

LENTEN THOUGHT Tom Larson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Jesus, Lord and Precious Savior" setting by Manz

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ALL:** By your surprising grace, O God, our eyes are opened, our ears unstopped, our hearts attuned to the needs of others. We give so more people may know your acceptance and forgiveness. We support the ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing among us and through the outreach of the church. Expand our horizons, we pray, and tear down the limits of our caring. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN "Here at Thy Table, Lord" CH, 384

*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, Lois Pyles

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Bobby Beal

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" Stainer

SERMON TEXT Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "From 'If to 'Because" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION "Trust and Obey" CH, 556  
(stz. 1, 2, 4)

*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 "March in G Major" Smart

## 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, 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*