

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

- Today, 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)
- Mon., Feb. 18th:** Preschool Closed - Church Office open 9 - 12
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 2
 7:00 p.m. - VBCC Search Committee
 8:00 p.m. - Basketball @ Parker
- Tues., Feb. 19th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 10:00 a.m. - District VIII Clergy - Grafton
 6:00 p.m. - Pastoral Relations
 7:30 p.m. - Elders Meeting
- Wed., Feb. 20th:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 6:00 p.m. - Preschool Committee
 7:00 p.m. - Disciple Bible Study 1
 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., Feb. 21st:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 9:30 a.m. - Oasis
 6:30 p.m. - Pot Luck/Birthday Party
- Fri., Feb. 22nd:** 9:00 a.m. - Preschool & Kindergarten
 10:30 a.m. - OBCCM Meeting
- Sat., Feb. 23rd:** 6:00 p.m. - Basketball Game @ Craddock
- Sun., Feb. 24th:** 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

OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2008

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,643.10
General Building Fund:	158.00
Memorial Fund: (In memory of Sid Price)	25.00
Other: (Donuts, Flowers, Pancake Supper, Covenant Class Books, Initial)	194.40
TOTAL for February 10, 2008	<u>\$ 3,020.50</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

~ February 17, 2008 ~

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** GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Just as I Am" arr. Southbridge

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Lynne Thomas

Elder: People of God, where do we put our trust?
Where do we find wholeness and meaning?

**ALL: We lift up our eyes to the hills.
Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.**

Elder: We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah.
We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

**ALL: We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm.
We are born of the Spirit, born from above.**

Elder: Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us.
By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

**ALL: God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.
Through faith in Christ, we receive eternal life.**

* WORSHIP HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" CH, 272

* UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Let the winds of the Spirit blow in our midst today, loving God. Let us hear the sound and feel the power. Open our hearts in new ways to the promise of your healing grace so we may be a blessing to one another and to your world. We need courage to face the challenges and struggles of life. We seek reassurance that you will be with us in our going out and our coming in. Strengthen our faith to withstand the trials and temptations that lead us away from a faithful journey with Christ. 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 David McCrickard

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12:1-4a

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Ave Maria" Bach-Gounod

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Thank you, God, for glimpses of eternity in the daily experiences of life. We are grateful for encounters that lift the horizons of our vision. We rejoice in the teachings and care you have provided to us. Bless now the gifts we return to you for the programs and outreach of the church. We want to share our faith with the world. We pray for trustful relationships among all your children. We rejoice together in the saving ministry of Jesus that inspires us to give our best. Amen.

* THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" CH, 461
(stz. 1, 2, & 3)

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, Lynne Thomas

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Lois Pyles

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown

ANTHEM "Out of Love" Harlan

SERMON TEXT John 3:1-17

SERMON "Be Silent and Listen" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION
"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" CH, 665
(stz. 1, 3, 5, & 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 "Marche Religieuse" Chauvet

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Michael Stidham, Shannon Stidham, Rick Lahy, Cecil Dillon

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

