

Welcome to West Side Christian Church

~ December 7, 2008 ~

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister

Becky Barclay, Minister of Music

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Wachet Auf!" (Sleepers, Wake) **J. S. Bach**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****CALL TO WORSHIP** "Building the Nativity" **Bob Nutting and Carrie Kelly**

WORSHIP HYMN "Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming" **CH, 136**

*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Righteous and holy God, your glory is revealed to us day by day as valleys of despair are lifted up and mountainous problems are leveled. In your presence, we see more than our immediate situation. We catch a glimpse of your eternal purposes. So come among us now and speak your word of peace. Feed us with your truth, and equip us to welcome Christ's coming. We ask 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 40:1-11**

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Brown**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP **Fred Fritts**

OFFERTORY "Medley of Carols" **arr. Bay**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: While we are waiting and preparing for Christ to appear, we are seeking, O God, to act as faithful followers. May our offerings extend the promise of salvation to people whose lives are broken by neglect, abuse, bad choices, and sinful ways. May these gifts offer hope to all whose suffering and loss seem too heavy to bear. May our church be a listening, caring presence for all its members and through us for all those we meet in our work and leisure. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY **CH, 46**

COMMUNION HYMN "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" **CH, 101**
(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, Mary Redmon**

PRAYER FOR THE CUP **Elder, Mary Cornwell**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION **Rev. Brown**

ANTHEM "Do Not Find Me Sleeping" **Martin-Paige**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" **Holst-Moore**

SERMON TEXT **Mark 1:1-8**

SERMON "When Bad News is Good News" **Rev. Brown**

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" **CH, 153**

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone desiring to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, please come forward.

*BENEDICTION

***THE POSTLUDE** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" **Smart**

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE*

***At the conclusion of the Call to Worship, children ages 3-8 are dismissed to "Worship & Wonder".*

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

William Brown, Pam Brown, Kristen Brown, Courtney Brown

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Eloise Lowman, Jeannie Ross, Brian Balasco, Cecil Dillon, Davenport Family, Lois & Don Nelson, Alyssa Hale, Masil Jones, Mary Wyatt, Jordan Lahy, Melissa & Ed Davidson, Dottie Redmon, Terry Tucker, Robin Thomas, Patrick Petty, John Milam, Janice Deweese, Doug Tatum, Lorraine Shea, Marleen Whitehurst, Betty McCrickard, Brenda Lohse, Cavanaugh Family, Sandy Phillips.

SHUT-INS

Rev. Glenn Weaver, Ruth Blackman, Sylvia Dickens, Sandy Cotton, Dennis Davenport, Roland Thornton, Al Hemby, Esther Daniel.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Today, December 7th:** 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM – Church School
11:00 AM – Sunday Worship
- Mon., December 8th:** 9:00 AM – Preschool & Kindergarten
7:00 PM – Prayer Group
- Tue., December 9th:** 9:00 AM – Preschool & Kindergarten
7:00 PM – Pension Fund Meeting
- Wed., December 10th:** 9:00 AM – Preschool & Kindergarten
9:00 AM – Prayer Group
7:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs., December 11th:** 9:00 AM – Preschool & Kindergarten
- Fri., December 12th:** 9:00 AM – Preschool & Kindergarten
- Sat., December 13th:** 7:00 AM – Breakfast with Santa
1:00 PM – Open House @ Rev. Brown's
2:00 PM – Ruth Class Christmas Party
- Sun., December 14th:** 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship
9:45 AM – Church School
11:00 AM – Sunday Worship
3:45 PM – Chi-Rho

Offering for November 30, 2008

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET EXPENSES: \$ 3,418.00

Received for Budget:	\$2,783.91
General Building Fund:	100.00
Thanksgiving Offering:	50.00
Christmas Offering:	105.00
Preschool Taxes:	839.53
Other: (Coffee/Donuts)	14.50
TOTAL for November 30, 2008.....	<u>\$ 3,892.94</u>



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GUEST FLUTIST

Please welcome our special guest Flutist, Dr. Amy Miller of Williamsburg. Dr. Miller has performed for us in the past and as always we are in for a very special treat.

SPECIAL OFFERING

There will be a special offering collection today to help replenish the Minister's Assistance Fund. This fund was depleted much earlier this year and we have unfortunately had to turn many people away.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2009 Stewardship envelopes in the main hallway. If for some reason you find there is not a box of envelopes assigned to you, please see David McCrickard.

PENSION FUND MEETING

There will be a Pension Fund meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 7:00 PM. The following committees are requested to be in attendance. Personnel, Trustees, Treasurer and Stewardship Chair.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are all invited to attend a Christmas Open House with Revs. Nathan & Marion Brown, this Saturday, December 13th from 1 PM-4 PM, 108 River Point Crescent, Portsmouth. Please bring only yourself and a smile. Light refreshments will be provided.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

During the worship service next Sunday, the children of West Side will be performing their Christmas play entitled, "The Wisdom of the Pine." You don't want to miss this one.

LIVE NATIVITY

Volunteers are still needed to participate in our live nativity on December 21st. Please sign up in the foyer.

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