

Welcome to West Side Christian Church

~ December 21, 2008 ~

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister

Becky Barclay, Minister of Music

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Silent Night" **Lasky**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****CALL TO WORSHIP** "Building the Nativity" **Steve and Fran Gray**

WORSHIP HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **CH, 148**

*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: We bring our spiritual hungers to this place, O God, hoping to be fed. We bring our weariness, expecting to find rest for our souls. We bring our dullness, asking that we might be altered to those things that you consider important. We come because we want the scattered fragments of our lives to come together in a meaningful wholeness. You have promised to be with us. Reveal yourself to us here, we pray in the name of One who came to share our common lot. 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**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Luke 1:47-55**

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Brown**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP **Bill Loftis**

OFFERTORY "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" **arr. Rouse**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Our best we give to you, living God, for you have given your best to us in the mystery of the incarnation. May our offerings proclaim Jesus in ways that will be received with joy. Send your Word to the world in this season through our caring service. May we share it with one another in ways that help us all to grow. We are your servants. The gifts we dedicate are already yours. Thank you for all the ways you have provided for us. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY **CH, 46**

COMMUNION HYMN "I Wonder as I Wander" **CH, 161**

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, Kitty Baker**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION **Rev. Brown**

CHOIR CANTATA "Go Tell It!" **arr. Schrader**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

"Come, Messiah, Come"

"How Great Our Joy"

"Still, Still, Still"

"Silent Night"

"Christmas Medley"

"Go Tell It!"

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Angels We Have Heard on High" **CH, 155**

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** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" **Handel**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

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

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Brendon McNelis, Wendy McNelis, Erin Ripley, Brooke Lowman

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Debbie Keith, 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 21st:** 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship
 9:45 AM – Church School
 11:00 AM – Sunday Worship
 12:00 PM – Special Board Meeting
 6:30 PM – Live Nativity
 7:30 PM – Live Nativity
- Mon., December 22nd:** 7:00 PM – Prayer Group
- Tue., December 23rd:** No Church Activities
- Wed., December 24th:** 5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service
 7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service
 Office Closed
- Thurs., December 25th:** MERRY CHRISTMAS !
 Office Closed
- Fri., December 26th:** Office Closed
 No Church Activities
- Sat., December 27th:** No Church Activities
- Sun., December 28th:** 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship
 9:45 AM – Church School
 11:00 AM – Sunday Worship
 7:00 PM – Youth Lock In

Offering for December 14, 2008

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

Received for Budget:	\$2,919.54
General Building Fund:	155.00
Christmas Offering:	247.35
Scholarship Fund: (In memory of Nora Davenport)	110.00
Minister's Assistance Fund:	780.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Poinsettias)	38.61
TOTAL for December 14, 2008.....	<u>\$ 4,250.50</u>



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2008 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

“God Has Done GREAT Things”, Luke 1:47-55.

This is the theme for this year’s Christmas offering which will be collected again today. You will find special offering envelopes on the back of each pew.

BOARD MEETING

There will be a special Board meeting immediately following the worship service today, to approve the appointment of the church treasurer. This meeting should only last about 10 minutes.

LIVE NATIVITY

We will be displaying a live nativity tonight at 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM on the front lawn of the church. Light refreshments will be offered in the Fellowship Center.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

If you have not already picked up your 2009 stewardship envelopes, you can still find them in the main hallway by the West Side bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve services will be held on Wednesday, December 24th at 5:30pm and 7:30 pm.

FOOD PANTRY

We are beginning to receive calls for food assistance and our pantry is very low. Please consider giving just a few items to help with this ministry.

OFFICE CLOSED & MINISTER AWAY

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th for the staff to enjoy the holidays with family. Rev. Brown will be out of the office from Wednesday, December 24th though January 2nd. If you need assistance, please contact your Elder.

YOUTH LOCK IN

All youth grades 6th – 12th are invited to attend a Lock-In next Sunday, December 28th from 7PM – 8 AM. Bring your sleeping bags and pillows and be prepared for a great time. If you have any questions or need transportation contact Kelly Terry at 532-5554.

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