

Welcome to West Side Christian Church



~ Palm Sunday Service ~
March 16, 2008

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Minister of Music

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Brown

PRELUDE "Proclamation for Palm Sunday" Branscomb

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANTHEM "Antiphonal Hosanna" Smith

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elder, Larry Hackler

Elder: This is a day of joyous welcome.
Let us enter in the light.

**ALL: We welcome Christ with waving branches.
We wait with Christ through hours of agony.**

Elder: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey.
Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

**ALL: Jesus rides into the tumult of our times.
People still oppose the way of love.**

Elder: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.
Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL: Open to us the gates of righteousness.
Let us enter in the light God offers.**

*WORSHIP HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" CH, 192

*UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Be gracious to us, O God, in our moments of grief and fear. Be with us as we rejoice in the day you have made. Our times are in your hands, both when we mourn and when we celebrate. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the possibilities in every day. We trust in you, O God. Let your face shine on your servants. 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 Brendon McNelis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Brown

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Prayer" Loret

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: May these offerings bring life-changing good news, both to those who give and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church. May they help to restore relationships of trust among us and outpourings of generosity that echo your steadfast love around the world. May your saints be raised to new life that cuts through the deceptions of society to bring your new order among us. O God of all times and places. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY CH, 46

COMMUNION HYMN "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" CH, 190

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD Elder, Larry Hackler

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, Lynne Thomas

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Rev. Brown

ANTHEM "King Jesus Rides in Majesty" Parker-Harlan

SERMON TEXT Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON "Palms or Passion" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" CH, 558

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 "Festal Recessional" Colvin

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Bill Loftis, Diane Loftis, Kelly Terry, Stephen Milam

*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

** At the conclusion of the announcements, children ages 3-8 are dismissed to attend Worship & Wonder", following a prayer with Rev. Brown.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Lorraine Shea, Wilma Ingram, Betty McCrickard, Hasting Family, Carl Loving, Joe Diggs, Dick Cornwell, Marlene Whitehurst, Mark Warren, Ann Hall, Dickie Hayes, Dawn Price, Debbie Johnson, Jimmy Bracy, Ron Riffle, Herschel Carter, Matthew Davis, Brenda Lohse, Gray Family, Maureen Powers, Dawn Weiss, Wilda Dryer, Christie Bradley, Jessica & Michael Gates, Kristen & Anthony Williams, Cavanaugh Family, Sandy Phillips, Phillips Family, Masil Jones, Branch Family, Esther Daniel, Joseph Irwin, Sarah Crawford, Bobby Ryder, Tara Weinmann, Ellen Nelson

SHUT-INS

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

THE WEEK AHEAD AT WEST SIDE

Today, March 16th: 9:00 am – Coffee Fellowship
9:30 am – Prayer Circle (Disciples Classroom)
9:45 am – Church School
11:00 am – Sunday Worship

Mon., March 17th: 9:00 am – Preschool & Kindergarten

Tues., March 18th: 9:00 am – Preschool & Kindergarten
6:00 pm – Pastoral Relations
7:30 pm – Elders

Wed., March 19th: 9:00 am – Preschool & Kindergarten
11:00 am – Preschool Chapel
7:00 pm – Disciple Bible Study I
7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., March 20th: 9:00 am – Preschool & Kindergarten
7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Fri., March 21st: 9:00 am – Preschool & Kindergarten
9:30 am – Preschool Easter Party
12:00 pm – Lent Service – St. Andrews
12:00 pm – Prayer Vigil Begins

Sat., March 22nd: 12:00 pm – Prayer Vigil Ends
2:00 pm – Easter Egg Hunt

Sun., March 23rd: 7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast
9:00 am – Coffee Fellowship
9:30 am – Prayer Circle
9:45 am – Church School
11:00 am – Easter Sunday Worship

OFFERING FOR MARCH 9, 2008

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$3,418.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,631.45
General Building Fund:	448.00
Other: (Preschool Taxes, Flowers, Leadership Retreat, Coffee & Donuts)	1,321.95
TOTAL for March 9, 2008..	<u>\$4,401.40</u>

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- By now everyone should have already received their Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Please complete the inventory and bring them back to one of the workshops listed below. You may choose any workshop to attend. All workshops will be in the Fellowship Center on the following dates. Please sign up in the gathering area. Child care will be available at each session.
March 26th – 11AM
March 27th – 7PM
March 30th – 12:30 PM (following Worship)
- West Sides' annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM. Wrapped candy for the hunt is needed and should be taken to the Seekers classroom (marked Egg Hunt). Please contact Pam Brown at 465-0612 if you can help with this event.
- Rev. Tom Potter will be speaking at this week's Lenten Service at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church on **Friday**, March 21st. Service begins at 12:00 Noon and lunch will be served at 12:30. Please make reservations through Frances Wells by Monday, March 17th, no later than 11:00 AM. Cost for lunch is \$5.00. A food offering will be received at this service.
- This years Maundy Thursday service is scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM on March 20th. Plan now to attend this communion service.
- A 24-hour prayer vigil will be held in the sanctuary beginning at 12 noon on Friday, March 21st and concluding at 12 noon on Saturday, March 22nd. A sign up sheet has been placed in the gathering area.
- Easter Sunrise service will begin at 7:00 AM on the church lawn and will conclude with a delicious hot breakfast.
- Cindy Wallace would like to extend a special thank you to everyone for their generous donations to the Homeless Sock/Glove Drive. It was a HUGE success! All the recipients were very appreciative. More detailed information will be printed in the April issue of "The West Side Story" newsletter.

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Parenting 101

The Basics of Becoming a Proactive Parent

Christian Education is sponsoring a parenting class for all members of West Side and their guests. This will be a four session class beginning in April. The study book is \$7.00 and there is no additional charge for the course. A sitter will be provided.

Let's face it-children don't come with an instruction manual. With the ProActive Parenting series you won't have to find a parenting expert to sharpen your parenting skills. This course will help parents outline a plan for parenting based on their family's priorities and values.

The four week session will cover the following topics:

- **Week 1** Navigating Through Troubled Waters
- **Week 2** Developing a Parenting Plan
- **Week 3** Managing the "Balancing Act"
- **Week 4** Keeping Your Family Strong

Cheryl Jarvis will be the facilitator. Please see her for further details and questions. If you are interested, please sign up in the gathering area. A special meeting to discuss a more specific time and date will be held after worship service on Sunday, March 30th. This would be a great time to invite your friends who are looking for a way to sharpen their parenting skills.