

STATEMENT OF CALLING

West Side Christian Church

is a faithful and caring church family

committed to making Disciples of Jesus Christ in our

Church, our Community,

and our **World.**

Church: *Equip* our church family through spiritual growth and leadership development.

Community: *Share* the love of Christ through service.

World: *Witness* through support of Disciples' missions.

A VISION FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

OUR VISION

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6:8)

OUR MISSION

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

2020 VISION

- 1000 new congregations
- 1000 transformed congregations
- The leadership development necessary to realize these new and renewed congregations
- All within a context of being an anti-racist/pro-reconciling church.

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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WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
August 16, 2009



****GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Watts

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Elder, Sharon Jenson

Elder: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.
 Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

ALL: The works of God are all around us.
Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.

Elder: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.
 We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

ALL: Holy and awesome is God's name.
The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Elder: Come, then, as wise and faithful people.
 Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

ALL: We are amazed that God remembers us.
We reach out to the God who cares for us.

***WORSHIP HYMN** "Come, Thou Almighty King" CH, 27

***UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Psalm 111

MORNING PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Meditation" Becker

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share with others some of what we have received. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY** CH, 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION Rev. Brown

COMMUNION HYMN "For the Bread, Which You Have Broken" CH, 411

The Lord's Table is open for all people. 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, Sharon Jenson

PRAYER FOR THE CUP Elder, David McCrickard

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ANTHEM "Share His Love" Reynolds

SERMON TEXT Ephesians 5:15-20

SERMON "Living with Doxology" Rev. Brown

HYMN OF INVITATION "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty" CH, 514

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

BENEDICTION Rev. Brown

POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" Campra

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Jennifer Larson, Bubba Jenson, Karen Hartzog, Cecil Dillon

** 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.*

OFFERING FOR August 9, 2009

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 3,654.85
Building Fund:	520.00
Mission: (Angel Food)	30.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers)	43.21
TOTAL for August 9, 2009	\$ 4,248.06

~August 1, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- x Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of Rachel Wid birthday by Tom & Jennifer Larson.
- x The Transition Team will meet following worship.
- x Pot Luck this Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Please bring 2 dishes. The praise band from West End UMC unfortunately will not perform for us. Therefore, we will have a hymn sing following supper.
- x We are serving Oasis this Thursday 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Sign up to help.
- x There will be a Disciples Bible Study in front of the next Sunday immediately following worship.
- x Angel Food distribution is Saturday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Sign up to help.
- x Park View Christian Church is having the installation service for their new pastor, Marty Phillips on Sunday, August 23rd followed by a reception.

THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

Today, Aug. 16	9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
	9:45 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
	12:30 p.m. Transition Team Meeting
Mon., Aug. 17	5:00 p.m. Angel Food Orders
Tues., Aug. 18	6:30 p.m. Pastoral Relations
	7:30 p.m. - Elders
Wed., Aug. 19	9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
	2:00 p.m. Angel Food Orders
	6:30 p.m. Pot Luck
Thurs., Aug. 20	10:00 a.m. Oasis
Fri., Aug. 21st	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Aug. 22nd	9:00 a.m. Angel Food Distribution
Sun., Aug. 23rd	9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
	9:45 a.m. Church School
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service
	12:30 p.m. Bible Study Meeting

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Shea Family, Wilma Ingraham, Betty Lou Frazier, Barbara Powell, Marjorie Hardy, Dick Oliver, Rebecca Skidmore, Nathan Brown, Family, Quilby Family, Kity Buchanan, Sue Gatling, Barbara Barnhart, Norman Dickens, M. Eloise Lowman, Jeannie Ross, Alyssa Hale, Patrick Petty, C. Masil Jones, Lorraine Shea, Jordan Lahy, Marjorie Wyckoff, Marleen Whitehurst

SHUTINS

Dottie Redmon, Rev. Weaver, Ruth Blackman, Sandy Cotton, Dennis Davenport, Roland Tom, Al Hemby, Esther Daniel