

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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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 October 25, 2009



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

****SHARING THE NEWS OF WEST SIDE.....**Rev. Brown

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Hayford
"Majesty"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Lynne Thomas

Elder: God is gathering us from many different places.
 No one is worthy, but all are invited.

PEOPLE: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us
 back. God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

Elder: We are delivered from our fears and saved from
 trouble. Happy are those who take refuge in a
 loving God.

PEOPLE: Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.
 We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.

Elder: Taste and see how good God is.
 Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of
 tears.

PEOPLE: We will bless our God in all times and places.
 Let us exalt God's name together!

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH, 234
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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

ALL: All powerful God, we invoke your presence
 among us, for we need the knowledge and energy you
 alone can provide. Your ways are wonderful beyond our
 understanding. When our strength is spent, our vision
 clouded, and our hope gone, you reach out to us in ways
 we often fail to discern. We take heart to think that you
 are calling us to yourself, opening our eyes to see your
 wonders as if for the first time. We want to be a part of
 your faithful remnant in a world that too often loses sight
 of the holy. We ask these things in the name of Jesus
 Christ 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

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS
THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Mark 10:46-52

ANTHEM.....Courtney & Redd
"In Remembrance"

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Job 42:1-6, 10-17

SERMON.....*"The Risks of a Happy Ending"*.....Rev. Brown

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Colvin
"A Blessing"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what
 we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves.
 May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in
 need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong,
 that this church may give radiant witness to truth,
 constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption
 to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY.....** CH, 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION.....Rev. Brown

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH, 428 (stz. 1,2,3)
"An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine"

*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.....Lynne Thomas

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Fred Frits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH, 612
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*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**

POSTLUDE.....Roeckel
"Air in F Major"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Michael Stidham, Shannon Stidham, Rick Lahy, Rosemary Lahy

** 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 October 18, 2009

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,454.35
Building Fund:	570.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers)	35.38

TOTAL..... \$ 3,059.73

~ October 25, 2009 ~

- Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of Dick & Mary Cornwell in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.
- The Crafters group will meet next Saturday at 9AM. Craft Project is "Pots with a Purpose" led by Cindy Wallace. Deadline to sign up is today.
- Just a reminder to turn back your clocks 1 hour on Saturday night, October 31st.
- Our West Side Youth will be conducting next Sunday's worship service. Make a special effort to come support our youth.
- The CWF will hold their Talents for Missions & Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 7th starting at 4:00 PM. Come see how crafty our West Side ladies can be and enjoy a delicious dinner at the same time.
- We are still in need of 3 facilitators for the Church Care Team in 2010. The responsibilities have been posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. If you are interested in serving, please see Diane Loftis or Rev. Brown.
- A Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15th to vote on the 2010 Officers and approve next year's budget.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Betty McCrickard, Lesa Myles, Kyle Baker, Wayne Thomas, Wilma Ingram, John Milam, Cheryl Jarvis, Norman Dickens, Amy Ivy, Emily Gray Metz, Maud Hemby, Nathan Brown Family, Quimby Family, Kitty Buchanan, Sue Gatling, Barbara Barnhart, Murray Brown, Eloise Lowman, Jeannie Ross, Patrick Petty, Christie Bradley, Masil Jones, Lorraine Shea, Jordan Lahy, Mary Wyatt, Janice Deweese

SHUT-INS

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

THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

Today, Oct. 25 th :	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Oct. 26 th :	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., Oct. 27 th :	No Scheduled Church Activities
Wed., Oct. 28 th :	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. – Portsmouth Music Club 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:15 p.m. – Choir Practice
Thurs., Oct. 29 th :	6:00 p.m. – World Care & Transition Teams 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study
Fri., Oct. 30 th :	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Oct. 31 st :	9:00 a.m. – Crafters
Sun., Nov. 1 st :	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service (Youth Sunday)

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