

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
 November 15, 2009



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....arr. Tornquist
"Praise to the Lord"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....**David McCrickard

Elder: Come, all who are anxious or burdened.
 This is a time to experience good news.

PEOPLE: This is God's house, and we can meet God here.
 We are brought together in the family of God.

Elder: Come with expectancy and anticipation.
 God is present to greet you and change your life.

PEOPLE: We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.
 We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

Elder: In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy.
 In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

PEOPLE: Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in
 vain. Unless we view our city as God's own,
 there is emptiness here.

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH, 606
"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us. Our work is fulfilling, our relationships reflect your faithfulness, and our ability to trust is strengthened. We are here, seeking an extra measure of reassurance, the restoration of our best selves and the clarification of our responsibilities. You are the builder in whose hands the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us, strengthening us to be the church wherever we live and serve. Be known to us now and save all who eagerly await your word. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....1 Kings 17:8-16

ANTHEM.....Lee and Wagner
"Lord, Send Us Music"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGMark 12:38-44

SERMON.....*"The Case Against Giving"*Rev. Brown

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION..... Mary Peris

OFFERTORY.....Mendelssohn
"Duetto"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, with beginnings among us now. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**CH, 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION.....Rev. Brown

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH, 420 (stz. 1-3)
"I Come with Joy"

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..... David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP..... Mary Redmon

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION..... CH, 602
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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.....Wagner
"Allegro Moderato"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Jennifer Larson, Bubba Jenson, Karen Hartzog, Kelly Terry

** 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 November 8, 2009

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 4,448.00
Building Fund:	620.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers)	39.45
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,523.45

~November 15, 2009 ~

- Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of my special friend, Rosemary Lahy, by Cheryl Showalter.
- In place of our monthly Pot Luck Supper we will have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. Mr. Cornwell will prepare the turkey, stuffing, rolls, gravy and drinks for us. We ask that you bring 2 side dishes to share along with items for our Food Pantry. Beth Branch and her Angel Food volunteers will be speaking to us on what a blessing this ministry has been to our community and church.
- A sign up sheet has been posted for volunteers to help serve lunch at Oasis on Thursday, November 19th. If you wish to carpool, please see Bill Taylor.
- The 2009 Thanksgiving Offering is entitled "Disciples U" and is being collected again today. More information about this special offering will be available in those weekly bulletins or you can go online and read about it at www.disciples.org.
- The choir would love to have you add your voice to our Advent and Christmas music. Please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. as we prepare for this joyous season of promise and hope.
- Articles and information for the December newsletter are due by tomorrow.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Anne Preslar, Kristen Muhlenbeck, Danny Black, Lesa Myles, Kyle Baker, Wayne Thomas, Wilma Ingram, John Milam, 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, Nov. 15th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service 12:00 p.m. – Congregational Meeting
Mon., Nov. 16th:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., Nov. 17th:	6:00 p.m. – Pastoral Relations
Wed., Nov 18th:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 6:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner
Thurs., Nov. 19th:	10:00 a.m. – Oasis
Fri., Nov. 20th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Nov. 21st:	10:00 a.m. – Regional Board Meeting (Lynchburg)
Sun., Nov. 22nd:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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