

## 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 50<sup>th</sup>  
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.



## "Being Intentional About Thanksgiving"



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**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister  
Becky Barclay, Music Director

**WELCOME**  
**West Side Christian Church**  
 November 22, 2009



**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD**

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

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE.....** Beethoven  
*"Ode to Thanksgiving"*

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Fred Fritts

Elder: Be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things. Our mouths are filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**PEOPLE: A harvest of abundance surrounds us. We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.**

Elder: Praise God for all the bounty we enjoy. Give thanks for every good and perfect gift.

**PEOPLE: We lay aside our worries and our fears. God has dealt wondrously with us, and we rejoice.**

Elder: Seek first God's realm of righteousness. Let God reign in all your thoughts and relationships..

**PEOPLE: We know God is with us here. We trust God to supply what we most need.**

**\*WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH, 718  
*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** How good it is to join in prayers of thanksgiving and songs of praise! You have been good to us, gracious God! For sunshine and rain, for the labors of all who harvest the grain, we pour out our gratitude. You have dealt wondrously with us so that we have more than we need. Dwell with us now that we may not only be inspired to share but also promoted to work for a more just world in which all your children have enough to eat and reasons for joy. 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.....**Psalm 126

**ANTHEM.....**Beck  
*"Thanksgiving!"*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING .....**Luke 14:11-19

**SERMON.....***"Being Intentional About Thanksgiving"* .....Rev. Brown

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER**  
**AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.....**Rev. Brown

**OFFERTORY.....**arr. Pethel  
*"More Love to Thee"*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL:** We have bread, so we will share. We have pure water, so we will give to dig wells for others. We have faith, so we will tell others of the great things you have done, O God. These sacred moments of giving acknowledge your ownership of all our possessions. We seek to answer your call to responsible stewardship and faithfulness in mission. We are your heralds and apostles. Thank you, God. Amen.

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

**COMMUNION MEDITATION.....**Rev. Brown

**COMMUNION HYMN.....**CH, 417  
*"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"*

*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.....** Fred Fritts

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....** Lynne Thomas

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**  
**TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**HYMN OF INVITATION.....** CH, 715  
*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*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.....**Satin-Seans  
*"Triumphal March"*

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**  
 Kelly Terry, Bill Loftis, Donna Nutting, Stephen Milam

*\* 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 15 2009**

**Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00**

Received for Budget:	\$ 3,375.14
Building Fund:	110.00
Parking Lot Fund: (In memory of Berry Brown)	500.00
Thanksgiving Offering:	1,915.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers)	60.75
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,960.89</b>

## **~November 22, 2009 ~**

- Today's chancel flowers are given in memory of Thomas Thornton by his family.
- Rev. Brown will be on vacation from Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The church office and preschool will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Olive Branch Cooperative Christian Ministries invites you to attend their Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Community United Methodist Church, 37 Cherry Road, Portsmouth. Guest speaker will be Rev. Mike Reaves. A food offering will be collected.
- Join us on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM as we decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Center for the Advent season. Lunch will be provided.
- If you wish to order a Christmas Poinsettia please fill out an order form located at the rear of the sanctuary. Last day to order will be Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.
- Next Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent. Join us for our Hanging of the Greens service during morning worship.
- Operation Santa Claus is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at West End United Methodist Church. Refreshments begin at 10:30 with a program to follow at 11:00 AM. See Cheryl Jarvis for details.
- West Side Preschool will hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Details and reservation forms are located in the rear of the sanctuary. Deadline for reservations is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- If you are interested in participating in this year's Christmas Play please see DeeAnn Phelps, Jennifer Larson or Jessica Terry. The play will be presented on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

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## **THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN**

- Today, Nov. 22nd:** 9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. – Church School  
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
- Mon., Nov. 23rd:** 5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
- Tues., Nov. 24th:** No Scheduled Church Activities
- Wed., Nov 25th:** 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group  
2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
- Thurs., Nov. 26th:** 10:00 a.m. – FC In Use (Wyatt)  
Church Office Closed
- Fri., Nov. 27th:** No Scheduled Church Activities  
Church Office Closed
- Sat., Nov. 28th:** 9:00 a.m. – Advent Decorating
- Sun., Nov. 29th:** 9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. – Church School  
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service  
(Hanging of the Greens)

### **IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Otis Mullins, Linda Powers, Martha Whitlow, Brenda Lewis, Anne Preslar, Kristen Muhlenbeck, Danny Black, Lesa Myles, Kyle Baker, 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