

## 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.



*"Hanging of the Greens"*



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**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister  
Becky Barclay, Music Director

**WELCOME**  
**West Side Christian Church**  
 November 29, 2009

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

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE.....**J. S. Bach  
*"Unto us Is Brought Salvation"*

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Tony Peris

Elder: O Emmanuel, our King and giver of the law, the people await you, their savior.  
**PEOPLE: Come and save us, O Lord our God.**  
 Elder: O Wisdom, you came from the lips of God most high, and you reach from one end of the universe to the other, powerfully and gently ordering all things.  
**PEOPLE: Come to teach us the way of prudence.**  
 Elder: O Adonai and Leader of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the flame of a burning bush and at Sinai you gave him the law.  
**PEOPLE: Come with your outstretched arms to save us.**  
 Elder: O Root of Jesse, you stand as a sign to the peoples; before you kings are silent and the Gentiles pray with longing.  
**PEOPLE: Come now and set us free.**  
 Elder: O Key of David and ruler of the House of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open.  
**PEOPLE: Come and lead out of the prison house the captives who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**  
 Elder: O Morning Star, you are the splendor of eternal life; you are the dawning sun, the Sun of Justice.  
**PEOPLE: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**  
 Elder: O King of the nations and the fulfillment of their longing, you are the Cornerstone and you make all one; you formed us from primeval clay.  
**ALL: Come and save us!**

**\*WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH, 119

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH.....**Loftis Family

**THE MEANING OF THE SEASON.....**Rev. Brown

**BIDDING PRAYER**

*God Will Send a Righteous King.....*Kristen Brown  
 Jeremiah 23:5-6

Cedar Branches.....Kaitlyn McNelis

**HYMN.....**CH, 124 (vs. 1, 4)  
*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"*

*The Prophet Declares A Child Will Be Born...David McCrickard*  
 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Wreaths of Evergreens.....Emily Nutting

**HYMN.....**CH, 160  
*"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"*

*The Fourth Servant Song.....*Courtney Brown  
 Isaiah 53:1-6

The Holly and Ivy.....Carrie Kelly

**HYMN.....**CH, 129 (vs. 1, 4)  
*"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"*

*The Mystery of the Incarnation.....*Brendon McNelis  
 John 1:1-5, 9-14

The Christmas Tree.....Allison Nutting

**ANTHEM.....**Lau  
*"Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?"*

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY.....**arr. Hayes  
*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL:** Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community.

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

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

**COMMUNION HYMN.....**CH, 426  
*"The Voice of Jesus Calls His People"*

*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.....** Tony Peris

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....**Sharon Jenson

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....**Rev. Brown

**HYMN OF INVITATION.....** CH, 322  
*"O Word of God Incarnate"*

*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.....**arr. Sorensen  
*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**  
 Kelly Terry, Bill Loftis, Rick Lahy, 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 22, 2009**

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

Received for Budget:	\$ 1,333.00
Building Fund:	50.00
Scholarship Fund:	
(In memory of Rachel Powell & Thomas Thornton)	50.00
Thanksgiving Offering:	73.00
Missions: (Angel Food)	57.00
Logo Wear Reimbursement:	132.25
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers)	23.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,718.25</b>

## ~November 29, 2009 ~

- Today's chancel flowers are given in memory of Nora Davenport from the CWF.
- Administrative Cabinet will not meet this month.
- If you wish to order a Christmas Poinsettia please fill out an order form located at the rear of the sanctuary. Deadline for orders is today.
- 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.

### 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

### THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

<b>Today, Nov. 29th:</b>	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Nov. 30th:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., Dec. 1st:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Wed., Dec. 2nd:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 10:00 a.m. – CWF (Rebekah & Lydia) 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Thurs., Dec. 3rd:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri., Dec. 4th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Dec. 5th:	8:00 a.m. – Breakfast with Santa
Sun., Dec. 6th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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