

## 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.



**"Seek First the Kingdom of God"**



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**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister  
Becky Barclay, Music Director

**WELCOME**  
**West Side Christian Church**  
 November 8, 2009



**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD**

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

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE**.....arr. Ham  
*"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Diane Loftis

**Elder:** The Lord is good: His mercy endureth forever.

**PEOPLE:** His truth endureth to all generations.

**Elder:** This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**PEOPLE:** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

**ALL:** O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. For with Him is the fountain of life, and in Him shall we see light.

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH, 696  
*"For Beauty of Meadows"*

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

**ALL:** Creator God, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of the cosmos. Through Jesus, you show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment, making our purpose the pursuance of your kingdom. 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**.....John 10:1-10  
**ANTHEM**.....Beebe

*"The Earth Is the Lord's"*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** .....Matthew 6:25-33

**SERMON**.....*"Seek First the Kingdom of God"* .....Rev. Brown

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

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

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**.....Mary Peris  
**OFFERTORY**.....Phillips

*"Wondrous Love"*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL:** O God, you call us to love with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We seek to focus on you as our highest priority—to seek first your kingdom. Help us to make lifestyle decisions based on your commandments. We, your kingdom-seekers, offer you this money as a means of placing you first in our lives. May these gifts provide ministries of love and compassion to our neighbors. Amen.

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

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

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH, 383  
*"Savior, Thy Dying Love"*

*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**.....Diane Loftis

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Larry Hackler

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**HYMN OF INVITATION**..... CH, 586  
*"Open My Eyes That I May See"*

*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**.....J. S. Bach  
*"In Thee Is Gladness"*

**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 1, 2009**

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

Received for Budget:	\$ 5,216.00
Building Fund:	150.00
Preschool Taxes:	889.28
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers, Coke Machine)	293.36
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,548.64</b>

## ~November 8, 2009 ~

- Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of Frank and Joyce Geiss on their anniversary, by Tina Geiss and Rick Oliver.
- Official Board meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.
- CWF will hold their General Meeting & Brunch next Saturday at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Center.
- Angel Food Distribution is next Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.
- A sign up sheet has been posted for volunteers to help serve lunch at Oasis on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to carpool, please see Bill Taylor.
- In place of our monthly Pot Luck Supper we will have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Mr. Cornwell will prepare the turkey, stuffing, rolls, gravy and drinks for us. All we ask is that you bring 2 side dishes to share along with your entire family. 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.
- The 2009 Thanksgiving Offering is entitled "Disciples U" and will be collected on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.
- We still need 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 on this team, please see Diane Loftis or Rev. Brown.
- Wilson High School will hold its "Holly Days Craft Fair", Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 3PM. There will be over 500 Crafters and lots of Door Prizes. For more information call 465-2907. Free and open to the public.

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

<b>Today, Nov. 8th:</b>	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Nov. 9th:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:00 p.m. – Book Club
Tues., Nov. 10th:	7:00 p.m. – Official Board
Wed., Nov 11th:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:15 p.m. – Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 12th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri., Nov. 13th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Nov. 14th:	9:00 a.m. – Angel Food Distribution 12:30 p.m. – CWF General Meeting & Brunch
Sun., 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

### **IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Anne Preslar, Kristen Muhlenbeck, Danny Black, 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