

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 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 Hutton 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 it's 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.



"On Being the Church.... Unity"



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Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister

Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 January 24, 2010



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE..... *Asper*
"Reflection"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**David McCrickard

Elder: Let the ears of all people be attentive;
 the heavens are telling the glory of God.

PEOPLE: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.
 Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Elder: Day and night, God is at work among us.
 We are drawn together into one body, the church.

PEOPLE: As we commune with God, we know we need one
 another. Let us honor the good to be found in all
 people.

Elder: Hear once again the laws and commandments.
 Find them sure and right and true for all.

PEOPLE: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.
 We seek true community in which all are honored.

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH. 64
"We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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
COMMISSIONING FOR MISSION TRIP.....Jennifer Larson

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS
THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING (pg. 379)....Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
ANTHEM.....Alhouse
"In Wintertime"

NEW TESTAMENT READING (pg. 933).....1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
SERMON.....Rev. Brown
"On Being the Church.....Unity"

SILENT MEDITATION
MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
OFFERTORY.....arr. Tornquist
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to give, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**CH. 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 393
"One Bread, One Body"

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.....Bob Nutting

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION..... CH. 337
"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"
During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE.....Mauret
"Rigaudon"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Shannon Stidham, Michael Stidham, Nina Milam, 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 January 17, 2010

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,836.00
Building Fund:	40.00
Week of Compassion:	75.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Initial)	36.25
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,987.25