

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.



"On Being the Church.Love"



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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 February 7, 2010



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....arr. Leonard
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**Diane Loftis

Elder: Come, people of God, to the One in whom we trust.
 Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

PEOPLE: God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.
 God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

Elder: Hope in God, who has created you.
 Open yourself to the one who knows you well.

PEOPLE: God accepts us, even when people do not.
 God affirms us, even when we fail.

Elder: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them. God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

PEOPLE: We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith. We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH. 517
"Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. 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 (pg. 609).....Jeremiah 1:4-10
SOLO - Frances Wells.....Peterson
"Amazing Love"

NEW TESTAMENT READING (pg. 934).....1 Corinthians 13:1-13
SERMON.....Congregation
"On Being the Church.....Love"

SILENT MEDITATION
MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
OFFERTORY.....Becker
"Meditation"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: With awe and wonder before you, O God, we dare to enlist all our efforts toward the realization of your realm. Where there is injustice, we would champion those oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept them in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**CH. 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION

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.....Sharon Jenson

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION..... CH. 494
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
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.....J. S. Bach
"In Thee Is Gladness"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Dudley DeStefano, Cecil Dillon, Charles Kelly, Carrie Kelly

*** 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 24, 2010

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 3,353.00
Building Fund:	3516.08
Week of Compassion:	420.00
Mission Trip to South Africa:	485.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Initial)	22.50
TOTAL.....	\$ 7,796.58

This Week at West Side Christian Church

February 7th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Feb. 8th:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:00 p.m. – Book Club
Tues., Feb. 9th:	7:00 p.m. – Official Board
Wed., Feb. 10th:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:15 p.m. – Choir
Thurs., Feb. 11th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri., Feb. 12th:	7:00 p.m. – Variety Show
Sat., Feb. 13th:	1:00 p.m. – Hackler Memorial Service
Sun., Feb. 14th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

A SEARCH FOR VOLUNTEERS

There are some spots still open in the West Side Variety Show on Friday, February 12th at 7pm. here in the church.

- NO talent required to enter
- NO on the job training needed
- NO former job experience necessary
- NO recommendations required
- **You don't need your husband's approval**
- **You don't need your wife's approval (well, maybe you do!)**



Things you WILL need: -A willingness to enjoy yourself
-A willingness to allow others to laugh at you
-A willingness to accept the praise and adulation of your admiring friends after watching your act

Look for a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary doors, or if you prefer to remain anonymous, see Bobby Beal.



~February 7, 2010 ~

- Official Board will meet Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, February 21st will be Rev. Brown's last Sunday here at West Side. We will have a reception for the Brown's following the worship service.
- All members of Diaconate are asked to meet with Kelly Terry on Sunday, February 28th immediately following the worship service. If you are unable to attend please call her.
- West Side will provide winter sheltering and food for the homeless in our area beginning on Sunday evening, March 7th through Sunday morning, March 14th. Each day, the homeless will be given dinner and warm sleeping arrangements. Approximately 18 volunteers are needed EACH NIGHT. This includes servers, chaperones and kitchen assistants. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be placed in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Center next Sunday. Please reserve some of your valuable time for this worthy cause.
- Thank you to all those who took the time to complete a survey. As a continuation of my research, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss your experiences as members of West Side Christian Church. Interviews are informal and confidential, can be conducted on the phone or in person, and should last about 20 minutes to an hour. If you are willing to participate, please contact me one of the following ways or simply drop your contact information in the box in the Gathering Area outside the sanctuary. Thank you, Rachel Widener – (757) 763-8184 or email: rwidene1@uncc.edu.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Hackler Family, Edith Ross, Ronnie Thomas, David & Doris Tugwell, Betty Bryan, Norman Dickens, Franklin Family, William Brown Family, Freda Pyles, Betty McCrickard, Lynne Thomas, Price Family, Lauren Forbes, Jean Benson, Pauline Moseberth, Linda Powers, Martha Whitlow, Brenda Lewis, Anne Preslar, Kristen Muhlenbeck, Danny Black, Lesa Myles, Kyle Baker, John Milam, Emily Gray Metz, Maud Hemby, Nathan Brown Family, Quimby Family, Catherine Buchanan, Sue Gatling, Barbara Barnhart, Murray Brown, Eloise Lowman, Christie Bradley, Masil Jones, Lorraine Shea, Jordan Lahy, Mary Wyatt, Janice Deweese

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Rev. Glenn Weaver, Ruth Blackman, Dennis Davenport,
Roland Thornton, Al Hemby, Esther Daniel

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