

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.



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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 February 28, 2010



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

- **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Tom Larson
- BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**
- PRELUDE**.....J. S. Bach
“Air from Overture in D”
- *RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**Bob Nutting
- Elder: Put away your hesitation to come before God;
 quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.
- PEOPLE: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?**
- Elder: Look to the heaven for inspiration and assurance;
 look around you, for God’s presence is everywhere.
- PEOPLE: God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**
- Elder: Let us watch and wait with our Creator;
 let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.
- PEOPLE: Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.**
- *WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 16
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

ALL: In this place, our hearts take courage. Your goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before you. Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us. We need this hour to remember who we are, to let you gather us under your wings. We need this time to feel close to one another, to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus Christ that empower our discipleship. Hear our cries and help us. 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. 441).....Psalm 34:1-8
- ANTHEM**.....Stainer
“God So Loved the World”
- NEW TESTAMENT READING** (pg. 939).....2 Corinthians 4:7- 10;
 16-18
- SERMON**.....Rev. Dr. Woody Rea
“Good News and Bad News”
- SILENT MEDITATION**
- MORNING PRAYER**

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

- MINUTE FOR MISSION**.....Mary Peris
- OFFERTORY**.....arr. Ray
“It Is Well with My Soul”
- PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
- ALL:** In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in this world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to your love. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**CH. 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 411
“For the Bread, Which You Have Broken”

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**.....Bob Nutting
- 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. 265
“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”
- 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**.....Bohm
“Sarabande”

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Bubba Jenson, Kelly Terry, Anne Berk, Hannah Berk

- * PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
- **Children ages 3-9 gather for a prayer before the announcements.

Offering for February 21, 2010
 Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,861.80
General Building Fund:	457.00
Building Fund Memorials: (In memory of Larry Hackler)	730.00
Week of Compassion:	295.00
Angel Food Distribution:	738.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, BJ’s Memberships, Initial)	120.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,021.80

~February 28, 2010 ~

- Please welcome Rev. Dr. Woody Rea to our pulpit today.
- A donation to the Building Fund has been given by Bobby Beal in memory of Roland Thornton who passed away this past week. Our sincere sympathy to the Thornton Family.
- All members of Diaconate are asked to meet with Kelly Terry today immediately following the worship service.
- West Side will provide winter sheltering and food for the homeless in our area beginning next 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 have been placed in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Center. Please reserve some of your valuable time for this worthy cause.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sharon Jenson, Eddrie Bradley, Thornton Family, Wilma Ingram, Norman Dickens, Emily Gray Metz and Baby, Edith Ross, Freda Pyles, Ronnie Thomas, David & Doris Tugwell, Betty Bryan, Franklin Family, 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, Maud Hemby, Nathan Brown Family, Quimby Family, Catherine Buchanan, Sue Gatling, Barbara Barnhart, Murray Brown, Eloise Lowman, Christie Bradley, Lorraine Shea, Jordan Lahy, Mary Wyatt, Janice Deweese

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Masil Jones, Rev. Glenn Weaver, Ruth Blackman,
Dennis Davenport, Al Hemby, Esther Daniel

This Week at West Side Christian Church

February 28th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., March 1st:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., March 2nd:	7:00 p.m. – Official Board
Wed., March 3rd:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 10:00 a.m. – CWF (Rebekah & Lydia) 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Thurs., March 4th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri., March 5th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., March 6th:	9:00 a.m. – FC In Use (Baby Shower)
Sun., March 7th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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Easter Lilies

Easter lilies this year will cost \$7.50 each. Orders can be placed in the offering with a check attached or turned in to the church office no later than March 14th.

If you wish to make an Easter lily dedication, please complete the information below and submit with your payment. Each dedication should be a separate lily purchase.

In honor of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Please write in additional dedications on the back.