



WELCOME

BROOKHAVEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

www.brookhavenchristian.org

We want to welcome you to our service of worship. Make yourself at home as we join in praise of our Creator and Sustainer! We see worship as participatory, so lift your praises to the LORD our God. At our time of greeting please feel free to move around and greet those worshipping around you. Again, welcome; we pray that your worship experience is blessed.

Because we want to be a friendly church we ask you to sign our attendance sheet located in the bulletin, please remove the sheet, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate near the end of our service. This allows us to know who you are.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Our goal is to love and worship God
and to teach and practice God's way of life
as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are so pleased that you have joined us for worship. We at Brookhaven Christian Church strive to live as Jesus has taught us; to be open to all who enter our doors, and welcoming to any who would join with us in fellowship, worship and service. No matter what your denominational background, no matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome in this place. While we may have differing opinions about certain aspects of the faith, it is indeed our faith that holds us together. Join us as we journey together, seeking God's will for our lives and for this community of faith, striving to serve our brothers and sisters in need and celebrating our unity as members of Christ's church! Welcome!

Rev. Brad Miller, Senior Minister

ABOUT THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Established on the American frontier in the early 1800's, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the oldest and largest Protestant church founded in the United States. Simplicity and unity, freedom and practicality remain a part of our heritage.

We believe that the New Testament, particularly the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, form the basis of our Christian faith and life. As Disciples of Christ, we respect diversity of thought and advocate responsible and conscientious religious and intellectual freedom. We hold that "in essentials, unity; in opinion, liberty; and in all things, LOVE." (Thomas Campbell, founder of our denomination) Christian unity is our "polar star," and ecumenism is an important way of life and mission. In all things we strive to practice a faith which is socially relevant and intellectually sound.

The Chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship, which is served weekly. The Lord's Table is open to all believers. The X shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of lay leadership and evangelism.

MINISTRIES FOR ALL AGES

- Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults at 9:45 each Sunday morning.
- Congregational Fellowship Luncheon, open to all, immediately following worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Children's educational and fellowship programs: see website www.brookhavenchristian.org
- Youth Group for young people grades 7 through 12: see website for frequent events.
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- "Good Times Fellowship": Regular fellowship outings for adults in the prime (50 years +) of their lives.
- Chancel Choir Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!
- Quality nursery care provided during all family activities.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN

All generations are important to Brookhaven Christian Church; we also feel a special calling to children for they are a sign of hope from God. We understand that the Christian faith is only continued when the stories, our faith and traditions are passed down. Sunday school, children's music, and our graded programs all strive to help our younger ones build their own strong, rich faith. We are called, as a church, to nurture, teach and love children of all races, gender and abilities.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, FOREVER. AMEN.

GLORIA PATRI (Chalice Hymnal #35)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

DOXOLOGY (Chalice Hymnal #47)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper, communion, is the central theme for our church every week in worship. At Christ's table we come to confess our sin and open ourselves to the unbounded grace of God. Here at Brookhaven Christian Church the table is open to all who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and claim him as their Lord and Savior. We believe that Jesus died for all our sins, and it is in the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup that we find new life through Him.

When you choose to join us in communion, partake of the bread on your own as it is passed and hold the cup so that we may partake together as a family of believers.

JOINING THE CHURCH

Joining yourself to this faith community is an opportunity that is extended to all every week here at Brookhaven. During the hymn of faith, if you wish to join the church, come forward and a minister will accept you into membership. If you are interested in becoming a part of this church or wish to know more about who we are and what we stand for, please feel free to ask any of the ministers after the service, talk to our members, or call the office during the week. From time to time the church offers what is called an Inquirer's Class during our church school hour. This class answers questions about who we are and the ministries we support. This is not a prerequisite for membership, it is only offered because we want you to know who we are as a faith community.

CHURCH POLICY ON BAPTISM

Brookhaven Christian Church practices what is called Believer's Baptism. This is baptism by immersion for those who confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God and claim Him as their personal Lord and Savior. Baptism is an act of the Holy Spirit. If you are feeling moved in that direction, please talk to one of our ministers. If you have already been baptized or sprinkled our church does not require rebaptism. If you are not satisfied with your previous baptism then we encourage you to talk with one of our ministers.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP IS APPRECIATED

If you would like any more information, it can be found in the lobby.