

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI  
816-532-0773**

[www.smithvillefirstchristian.org](http://www.smithvillefirstchristian.org)

**August 10, 2025**  
**9:15 am - Adult Sunday School**  
**10:00 am - Coffee/Donuts Fellowship**  
**10:30 am - Worship Service**

*Please sign in on the attendance booklet at the end of the pews.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

(\*Denotes please rise in body or spirit)

Prelude Steven Cornwell

Bringing in the Light - Acolytes **Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays**

Greeting / Announcements Rev. Laura Guy

Call to Worship (Jonah) Gerry Carson  
*The word of God came to Jonah. The word of God comes to us: Go, despite your fears speak the truth of God. Love your neighbor and your enemy. Forgive as you have been forgiven. Receive grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.*

\*Hymn of Praise **#25 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty vs. 1,4,5**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Using "Debts")

\*Gloria Patri **#36**

*Children are dismissed for Worship and Wonder*

Scripture **Jonah 2:5-10** Gerry Carson

Worship Hymn **#75 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry**

Sermon **"Prayer from the Gut"** Rev. Laura Guy

Hymn of Response **CP32 Celebrate the Lord of Love**

Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder John Merritt  
*(Sue Boswell, Barbara Millard, Cheryl Merideth & Jack Massie please come forward to serve Communion)*

*Communion: We practice Open Communion at the Lord's Table. All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Please take a piece of bread and eat it when the tray comes to you. Then drink the cup as the tray is passed to you and place the empty cup back in the tray.*

Invitation to Stewardship Elder John Merritt

Special Music **I Feel the Spirit Moving**

\*Doxology **#46**

\*Offering Prayer Elder John Merritt

\*A Time of Invitation Rev. Laura Guy  
*If you wish to make a commitment to Jesus Christ, or would like to join Smithville First Christian Church, please come forward during the hymn.*

\*Hymn of Sending **#59 This Is My Father's World**

Benediction Rev. Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of  
**Marty Driver**

**Praise & Prayer Request Form**

<https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf> - Submit your praise or prayer requests to our new form. Our Pastor, and Elders will monitor the form for submissions.



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**G.row R.ead I.magine P.ray**

**Jonah 2:5-10**

The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.

“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

“Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’

And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.”

**Daily Devotional Readings August 11 - 16**

**Monday:** Psalm 11; Isaiah 2:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-7;  
**Tuesday:** Psalm 11; Isaiah 24:1-13; Hebrews 11:17-28;  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 11; Isaiah 24:14-23; Luke 12:41-48;  
**Thursday:** Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 2:5-11; Hebrews 10:26-31;  
**Friday:** Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:1-17; Hebrews 10:32-39;  
**Saturday:** Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:18-4:6; Matthew 24:15-27;

**Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week**

- **Donate food to the Food Pantry or Blessing Box**
- **Care Connection Volunteers** - Contact [lnear23@gmail.com](mailto:lnear23@gmail.com)
- **Hospitality Task Force** - Contact Pastor Laura Guy

**Worship Schedule – Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**Pulpit:** Laura Guy **Elder:** Susie Clower  
**Lay Leader:** Cheryl Merideth  
**Greeters:** Susie Clower & Janice Roberts  
**Prep & Serve:** Scott Schoonover & Cheryl Lewis  
**Serve & Clean-up:** Argel Merideth & Larson Viebrock  
**Help Clean Up:** Janice R. & Marcia H.  
**Cash Counter:** Greg Atkins **Nursery:** Linda Neer  
**Acolyte(s):** Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne  
**Laptop Operator:** Johnny Viebrock



*(If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon.) The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.*

**PRAISE & PRAYERS**

👏 Congratulations to Steve and Linda Prout. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 26, 2025. They were married here in our church. 🙏 Last Monday we had a baptism service at Tall Oaks and two of our youth - Chloe Easton and Megan DeLapiedra - were baptized!

**ONGOING PRAYERS**

🙏 Lou Kindred 🙏 Pam & Perry Winn 🙏 Bud Morton 🙏 Kay Paul  
 🙏 Mary Ann Shannon 🙏 John & Joyce Summers 🙏 Traci Easton  
 🙏 Beverly Darling 🙏 Linda Mitchell 🙏 LaVera Craig 🙏 Jerry Wagle

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)**

**Food Pantry**

Non-Canned Items for the Blessing Box (Ramen noodles, hamburger helper, pasta and rice sides, mac & cheese, cereal, instant mashed potatoes, etc.) Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 12 PM.** The food pantry is open to anyone in the community: **Tues. 8:30 - 11 AM**

**Smithville First Christian Church Softball Team**

Come support our church softball team at their remaining games at Heritage Park.

| Date      | Time (PM) | Against  | Location |
|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| August 11 | 7:30      | Grace 2  | Field 1  |
| August 18 | 7:30      | Vineyard | Field 2  |
| August 25 | 7:30      | Grace 1  | Field 2  |

**Intergeneration Day of Service on Saturday, August 16**

It's time to register for the upcoming Tri-Regional Partnership Intergenerational Day of Service on Saturday, August 16 from 10 am to 3:30 pm at Hillcrest Christian Church (Overland Park). Adults – \$10, Children/Youth – \$5 - Lunch included.

Service projects available for people of all ages/abilities. We are asking people from each Region to bring the following:

- GKC: Jelly, clean/empty pill bottles

*Special Guest Preacher for closing worship is Rev. Terri Hord Owens, our General Minister and President of the CC(DOC)!*

<https://christianchurchinkansas.regfox.com/tri-regional-event>

**Monthly Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, August 17**

Please join us on Sunday, August 17 after 10 am Worship Service for Fellowship Dinner! Please bring a dish to share.

**This Week @ FCC Smithville**

**Sunday, Aug 10**

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)  
 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:30 AM - Worship Service  
 3:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Basement)

**Monday, Aug 11**

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)  
 11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, Aug 12**

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)  
 6:00 PM - AA (Basement)  
 6:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

**Wednesday, Aug 13**

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

**Thursday, Aug 14**

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith  
 6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

**Friday, Aug 15**

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)  
 12:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

**Sunday, Aug 16**

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 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:30 AM - Worship Service  
 12:30 PM Fellowship Dinner  
 3:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Basement)

Please check the church calendar online for the most up-to-date information [www.smithvillefirstchristian.org](http://www.smithvillefirstchristian.org)

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**10:30 AM Worship**

Worship Live-Stream found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/smithvillefcc>