

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI**

**January 11th, 2025**

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

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude Steven Cornwell  
Bringing in the Light Clay Hickman and Lincoln Viebrock  
Greeting / Announcements Rev. Laura Guy  
Call to Worship Jan Howard

*We are here to worship a remarkable God.*

*Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.*

*The love of God welcomes us, the grace of Christ awaits us, the joy of the Spirit enfolds us.*

*(\*Denotes please rise in body or spirit.)*

*\*Hymn of Praise* **Come, Now is the time to Worship**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer **(\*Debts' and 'Debtors' version)**

*\*Gloria Patri\** **#36**

*(Children may go to Children's Church.)*

Scripture **Luke 2:41-52** Jan Howard

Worship Hymn **643 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot #643**

Sermon **Jesus as a Boy** Rev. Laura Guy

Hymn **These I Lay Down vs. 1,4,5 #391**

Of response

Communion Meditation Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder Susie Clower

(Barbara Millard, Cheryl Lewis, Jack Massie and Volunteer, please come forward to serve Communion.)

*Communion: We practice Open Communion at the Lord's Table. All are welcome to participate in Communion here. 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. If you don't wish to take Communion, just pass the tray to the person next to you or a deacon.*

Invitation to Stewardship Elder Susie Clower

Special Music **Deep River** Steven Cornwell

*\*Doxology #46*

*\*Offering Prayer* Elder Susie Clower

*\*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* 206 The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power **#206**

Benediction Rev. Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

**GIVING / TITHING**



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Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of **Jewell & Pearl Denney**

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**Scripture Reading**  
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**Luke 2:41-52, NIV**

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Jan 12th - 17th**

**Monday:** Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48;

**Tuesday:** Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13;

**Wednesday:** Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21;

**Thursday:** Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12;

**Friday:** Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5;

**Saturday:** Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11;

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, Jan, 18 2026**

**Pulpit:** Rev. Laura Guy

**Elder:** John Merritt

**Lay Leader:** Cheryl Merideth

**Greeters:** Shirley French, Denney French

**Prep & Serve:** Diane Earl Soetaert

**Serve & Clean-up:** Sandra & John Matthews

**Cash Counter:** Greg Atkins

**Acolyte(s):** Becket & Brinley Milne

**Nursery:** Jonica Merritt

*(January schedule is emailed and posted. 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

🙏 Raphael Perez needs a new job and transportation 🙏  
Merideth Family 🙏 Pam Winn

**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 🙏 Rick Bullock 🙏 Julie  
Hatcher 🙏 Melinda Powell

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

### **Church Office Hours Have Changed:**

In 2026, Church office hours will change to Monday through  
Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \*Our inclement Weather Policy is that  
the Church and Food Pantry will be closed when Smithville  
School District is closed due to weather.

### **Women's Event: Candlemaking: Sunday Feb 8th**

Women of all ages are invited to make a poured candle as a  
fun craft project. We'll share a potluck lunch before we start  
crafting candles led by Meagan Jacoby. Please bring a  
medium glass container for an 8 oz candle

### **Church Cleanup Day: Sunday, February 15th**

Find your favorite lemon polish and duster and let's make the  
church sparkle for Lent and Easter! Sign up for the area you  
want to clean, and bring your own supplies from home

### **Ramadan Friendship Meal: March 15th 6:30 pm**

Our Turkish friends from the Dialogue Institute will give a  
presentation about Ramadan, and then they will break their  
fast by sharing a traditional Turkish meal.

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in broadcast of our services, and/or in promotion of events.*

## THIS WEEK AT SFCC

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

### **Sun, Jan 11**

9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)  
10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)  
10:30 AM - Worship Service  
2:30 PM - Boy Scout Committee & Meeting

### **Mon, Jan 12**

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 AM - Writer's Group

### **Tue, Jan 13**

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

### **Wed, Jan 14**

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

### **Thurs, Jan 15**

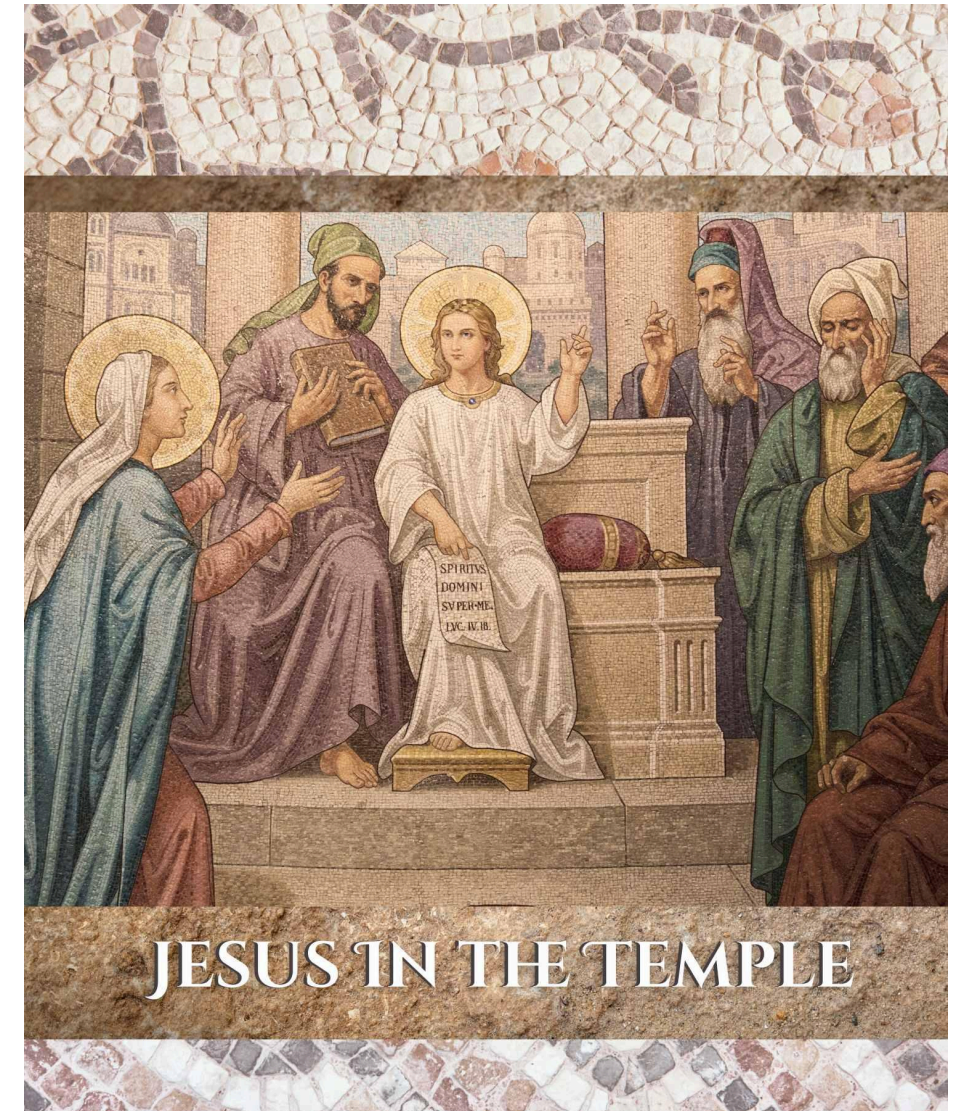
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Threads of Faith  
5:30 PM - Girl Scout Unit 3398  
6:00 PM - AA 12- Step

### **Fri, Jan 16**

12:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

### **Sun, Jan 17**

9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)  
10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)  
10:30 AM - Worship Service  
3:30 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting



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