

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

January 4th, 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 - Acolytes Keaton & Case Crosby
Greeting / Announcements Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship Kathy Hamilton

*The Magi looked to the stars, knowing something wondrous was happening. The starlight guided them to the Light that would dispel all darkness. Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives. Let us travel, like the Magi, wherever God's light leads us.
(*Denotes please rise in body or spirit.)*

*Hymn of Praise **How Great our Joy! vs. 1,3,4 #170**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

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

Gloria Patri **#36**

Scripture **Matt 2:1-2, 9-12** Kathy Hamilton

Worship Hymn **We Three Kings vs. 1,2,5 #172**

Sermon **What Will We Follow?** Rev. Laura Guy

Hymn **Once in Royal David's City #165**
Of response

Communion Meditation Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

(Sue Boswell, Becky Crosby, Cheryl & Argel Merideth, 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 Greg Atkins

Special Music Steven Cornwell
*Doxology **#46**

*Offering Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

*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 **It Came upon the Midnight Clear vs. 1,3,4 #153**

Benediction Rev. Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

GIVING / TITHING



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Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of **Hazel Williams**

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Scripture Reading
GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

Matthew 2: 1-2

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2: 9-12

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Jan 5th - 10th

Monday: Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44
Tuesday: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12
Wednesday: Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21
Thursday: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9
Friday: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a
Saturday: Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, Jan, 11 2026

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Susie Clower
Lay Leader: Jan Howard
Greeters: Connie Murphy, Donie Ratliff
Prep & Serve: Barbara Millard, Cheryl Lewis
Serve & Clean-up: Coen Hickman, Jack Massie
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Clay Hickman, Lincoln Viebrock
Nursery: Linda Prout



(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

🙏 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)

Epiphany: January 4th, Today

We'll celebrate the arrival of the Magi and receive our own star word to guide us. After worship, volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas decorations. Pizza lunch provided!

Ramadan Friendship Meal: March 15th

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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THIS WEEK AT SFCC

Please check the church calendar online for the most up-to-date info www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

Sun, Jan 4

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

Mon, Jan 5

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

Tue, Jan 6

- 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 7

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

Thurs, Jan 8

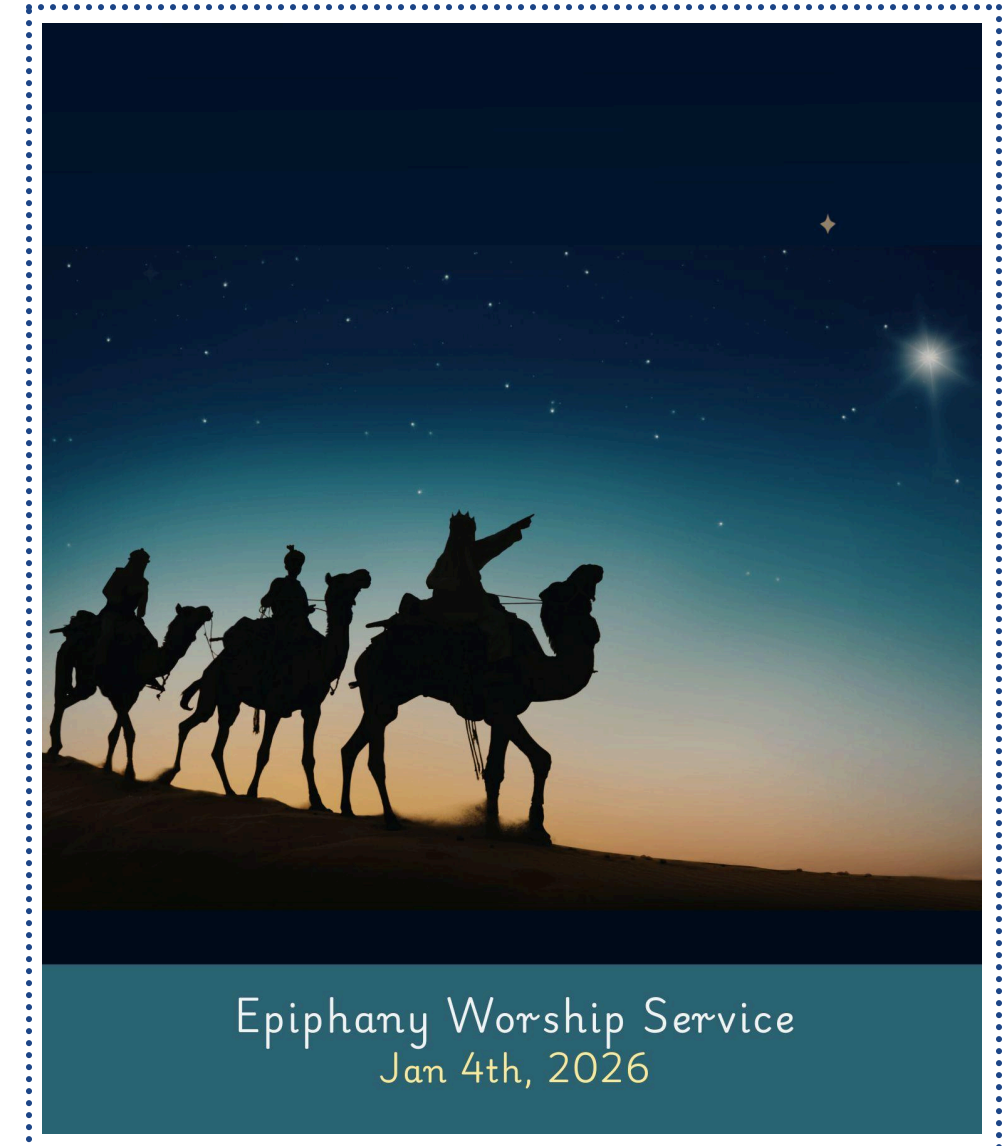
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Threads of Faith
- 5:30 PM - Girl Scout Unit 3398
- 6:00 PM - AA 12- Step

Fri, Jan 9

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

Sun, Jan 11

- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 3:30 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting



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