

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

November 16th, 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	
Greeting / Announcements	Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship	Cheryl Merideth

In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us. Though the world seems focused on turmoil, yet we will praise God! Our lives will bear witness to God's goodness and power. Our hearts will encompass compassion and service to God's people. Oh Lord, help us to be your workers and witnesses in today's world. Enable us to be faithful and strong for you. Amen.

(*Denotes please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn of Praise*	<i>I Will Praise You</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer		
Lord's Prayer	(‘Debts’ and ‘Debtors’ version)	
Gloria Patri*		#36
Scripture	<i>Esther 7:1-3</i>	Cheryl Merideth
Worship Hymn	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee vs. 1,3,5</i>	#577
Sermon	<i>Esther: The Courageous Queen</i>	Rev. Laura Guy
Hymn of Response	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	#452
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution		Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer		Elder John Merritt

(Cheryl Lewis, Larson Viebrock, Linda Prout, Jack Massie 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 John Merritt
Special Music <i>Beethoven Pathetique Sonata mov. 2</i>	Steven Cornwell
*Doxology	#46
*Offering Prayer	Elder John Merritt
*A Time of Invitation	Rev. Laura Guy
<i>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.</i>	
*Hymn of Sending <i>Thou Art Worthy (2x)</i>	#114
Benediction	Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude	Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Hielman & Roseanna Anderson

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.



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Scripture Reading
GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

Esther 7:1-3, NIV

So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request."

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Nov 16 - Nov 22th

Monday: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Tuesday: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;
Wednesday: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14
Thursday: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28
Friday: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9
Saturday: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, Nov. 23 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton
Greeters: Mac Clough
Prep & Serve: Linda Prout, Kathy Hamilton
Serve & Clean-up: Diane Soetaert, Earl Soetaert
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Clay Hickman, Lincoln Viebrock
Nursery: Janice Roberts

(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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

Food Pantry

Donations (stuffing mix and chunky soup etc.) may be dropped off Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM. The food pantry is open to anyone Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM.

CFW will collecting Coats & Angel Tree

We need hats, gloves, mittens and boots and coats this season for those in need. Place in the cooler in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting gifts again this year for Angel Tree due Nov 30th. Choose your Angel from the tree in the Fellowship Hall by the stairs.

Christmas Choir

Sing with us! Steven Cornwell cornwell313@gmail.com (785)-356-1029. Special Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays, Nov 19th, Dec, 3, 10th and 17th at 6 pm.

Women Together Event Dec. 13

We'll go to lunch and attend the 2:30 performance of the Central Standard Christmas show. If you'd like to go with us, you can purchase your own tickets and carpool from the church at 11:30.

Thanksgiving Potluck: Today November 16th

Join us after worship for a Thanksgiving feast. Everyone is welcome!

Baby Dedication: Next Sunday, November 23

During the Service join us for a Baby Dedication on Sunday November 23rd.

Hanging of the Greens: Next sunday, November 23rd

Sunday November 23rd, 8:30 am before the service. Hanging of the Greens (decorating for Christmas), and hot breakfast will be provided.

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THIS WEEK AT SFCC

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

Sunday, Nov 16

- 12:30 PM - Fellowship Potluck
- 3:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Basement)

Monday, Nov 17

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM - Writer's Group
- 6:00 PM - Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov 18

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

Wednesday, Nov 19

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

Thursday, Nov 20

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

Friday, Nov 21

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

Sunday, Nov 23

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- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
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ESTHER: THE COURAGEOUS QUEEN

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10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream Visit

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