

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

November 9th, 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 Cindy Kimber

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 *This Is the Day (2x)* #286
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors" version)
*Gloria Patri #36
Scripture *Esther 4:9-14* Cindy Kimber
Worship Hymn *Thank God I Do*
Sermon *Esther: For Such a Time as This* Rev. Laura Guy
Hymn of Response *As the Deer*
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

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 *I Will Send You* 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 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? vs. 1,2,4* #204
Benediction Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Ralph Curtis Denney

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 4:9-14, NIV

Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Nov 9 - Nov 15th

Monday: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Tuesday: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13;
Wednesday: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29;
Thursday: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25;
Friday: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;
Saturday: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37;

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, Nov. 16 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Shirley Curtis-Klein, Kathy Hamilton
Prep & Serve: Cheryl Lewis, Jack Massie
Serve & Clean-up: Linda Prout, Larson Viebrock
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Keaton & Case Crosby
Nursery: Linda Neer
Laptop: 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>.

(Cheryl & Argel Merideth, Sue Boswell, Kathy Hamilton, please come forward to serve Communion)

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

Put hats, gloves, mittens and boots and coats this season for those in need in the cooler in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting gifts again this year for Angel Tree due Nov 30th. Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall so you can choose your Angel.

Christmas Choir

Sing with us! Would you like to join in? Please contact our music coordinator, Steven Cornwell by today Nov 9th at cornwell313@gmail.com or his cell (785)-356-1029

Women Together Event: Pay by Sunday, Nov. 9th

Central Standard, Folly Tickets are \$25 each for balcony seats. Sign up and pay by Nov. 9 to be seated together, for Dec. 13th, 2:30 pm show.

The Tall Oaks Gala: November 14

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks.
<https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>

Thanksgiving Potluck: November 16th

Join us for turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes. Bring along some trimmings. Everyone can bring a side dish or dessert to share for this community Fellowship dinner after worship on Nov. 16th.

Baby Dedication: November 23

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

Hanging of the Greens: 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 9

3:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Basement)

Monday, Nov 10

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM - Writer's Group

6:00 PM - Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov 11

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM - Food Pantry (Basement)

6:00 PM - AA (Basement)

6:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Wednesday, Nov 12

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, Nov 13

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith

6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

Friday, Nov 14

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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

Saturday, Nov 15

8:30 AM - Food Pantry volunteers

Sunday, Nov 16

9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)

10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)

10:30 AM - Worship Service

12:30 PM - Fellowship Potluck Meal

3:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Basement)



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Worship Live-Stream Visit

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