

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

December 14th, 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	Clay Hickman, Lincoln Viebrok
Greeting / Announcements	Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship	Jan Howard
<i>Have you heard the good news? A baby is to be born in Bethlehem, and his birth will bring joy to the world! Jesus will be born to make all things new! He will proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind. Jesus will set the oppressed free, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Let us worship with glad and joyful hearts—Jesus will be born soon!</i> <i>(*Denotes please rise in body or spirit)</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	Angels We Have Heard on High vs 1, 2 #155
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	(‘Debts’ and ‘Debtors’ version)
Gloria Patri	#36
Lighting the Candle of Joy	Children and Youth
<u>Sing with Us a Christmas Story</u>	Children
Sequence #1	Luke 2:1-5
Hymn	O Little Town of Bethlehem v 1, 4 #144
Sequence #3	Luke 2:6-7
Hymn	Away in a Manger v 1, 3 #147
Sequence #5	Luke 2:8-12
Hymn	The First Noel verses 1, 5 #151
Sequence #7	Luke 2:13-14

Sequence #8	Luke 2:15-19
Hymn	Hark the Herald Angels Sing v 1, 3 #150
Sequence #10	Matt 2:1-2; 2:9-11
Hymn	We Three Kings v 1, 5 #172
Sequence #10	Isaiah 9:6
Hymn	Silent Night” v 1, 4 #145
Reflection on Joy	Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Meditation	Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer	Elder Greg Atkins
(Sue Boswell, Larson Viebrock, Jack Massie, Coen Hickman please come forward to serve Communion)	
<i>Communion: We practice Open Communion at the Lord's Table. <u>All</u> 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.</i>	
Invitation to Stewardship	Elder Greg Atkins
Special Music	Through Winter's Window Choir
*Doxology	#46
*Offering Prayer	Elder Greg Atkins
*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	Joy to the World vs. 1,3 #143
Benediction	Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude	Steven Cornwell

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Scripture Reading

GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

Luke 2:1-19, NIV

.... So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

PRAISE & PRAYERS



🙏 Marideth 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.

GIVING / TITHING



We are thankful for your faithful and generous support of this ministry. Scan this QR Code for online giving: or go to: <https://smithvillefirstchristian.org/donate/>

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Opal Ratliff

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Susie Clower
Greeters: Barbara & Bob Arnold
Prep & Serve: Diane & Earl Soetaert
Serve & Clean-up: Cheryl & Argel Merideth
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Brinley & Becket Milne
Nursery: Joyce French



(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>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

Holiday Hours for Church Office:
The office will be closed Christmas Day and the Friday Following and any days Smithville School are closed.

Writing Christmas Cards: Dec. 14
Write a note and send cards to our Care Connections friends in the Fellowship Hall. Take extra cards for a friend.

Fellowship Dinner, & Congregational Meeting Today Dec 14
We will have a Congregation Meeting immediately following Worship Service. The agenda will be approving the 2026 budget and proposed by-law changes. This is followed by our Fellowship Dinner.

Baby Blessing: December 21st
Baby dedication Stephanie Duff & Ryan Busha
Will dedicate Sofia Marie Busha (2022) & Charlotte Belle Busha 10/4/2025

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: December 15th-19

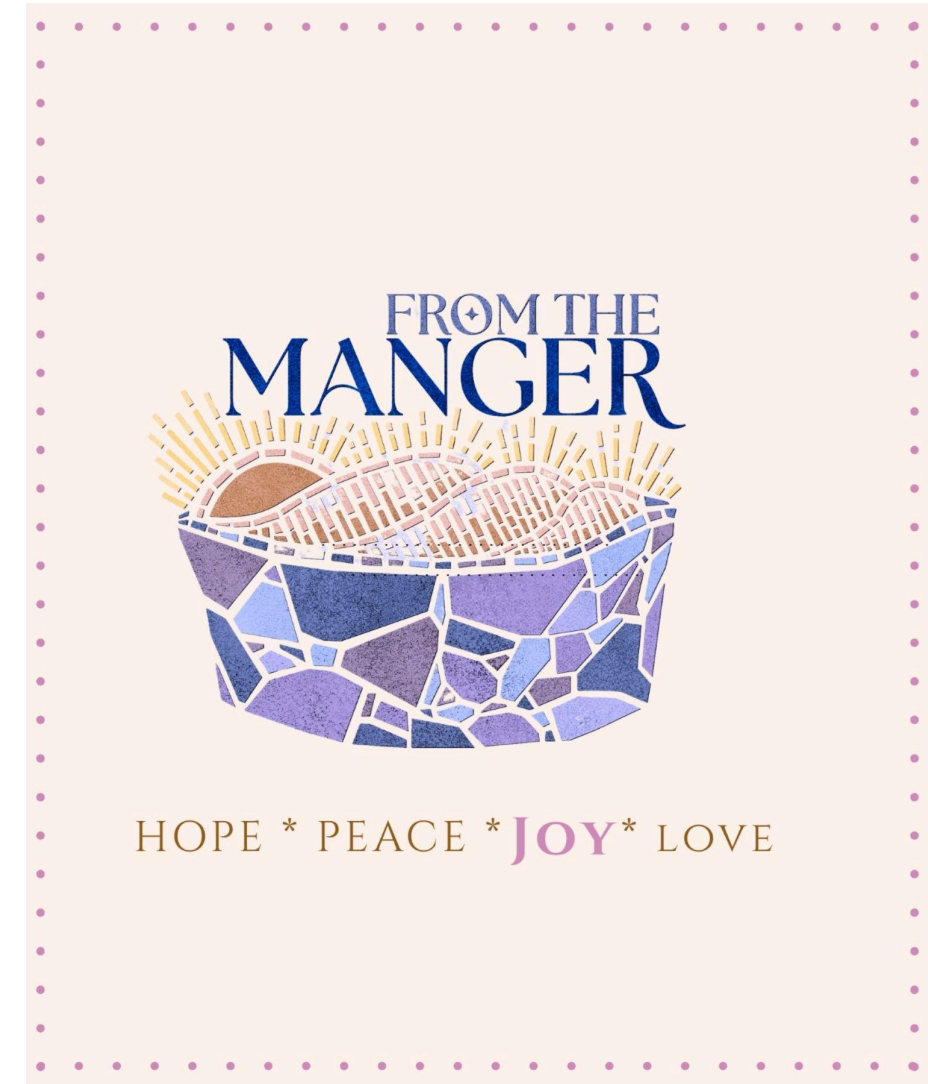
Monday: Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
Tuesday: Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
Wednesday: Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matt 8:14-17, 28-34
Thursday: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29
Friday: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7
Saturday: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36

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THIS WEEK AT SFCC

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

- Sun, Dec 14**
 - 9:15 AM - Sunday School
 - 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
 - 10:30 AM - Worship Service Children's Christmas Performance & Choir Performance
 - 12:00 PM - Congregational Meeting
 - 12:30 PM - Fellowship Dinner
 - 3:30 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting
- Mon, Dec 15**
 - 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
 - 11:00 AM - Writer's Group
 - 5:00 PM - Elder's Meeting
 - 6:00 PM - Board Meeting (FH)
- Tue, Dec 16**
 - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)
 - 6:00 PM - AA (Basement)
 - 6:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)
- Wed, Dec 17**
 - 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
 - 6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study
 - 6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
- Thur, Dec 18**
 - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Threads of Faith
 - 5:30 PM - Girl Scouts Unit 3398
 - 6:00 PM - AA 12-Step
 - 6:30 Pm - 9:00 PM Quilt Guild
- Fri, Dec 19**
 - 9:00 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Bag Food Prep Event
 - 12:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)
- Sun, Dec 21**
 - 9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)
 - 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
 - 10:30 AM - Worship Service & Choir Performance
 - 3:30 PM - Boy Scouts Meeting



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