

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

Dec 21st, 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 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** Angie Viebrock
Dee Dee Brewer, Steven Cornwell

Bringing in the Light - Acolytes Brinley & Becket Milne

Greeting / Announcements Rev. Laura Guy

Call to Worship Susie Clower

We are God's children, cousins in grace, united by an ancestry of miracles. Come, let us sit around the table, telling stories of God's goodness—the stories of love that brought us together. Come, let us sing the songs of our faith, a love song to God, for all the beauty that has accompanied our journeys. Come, let us worship the One who loved us from creation, from liberation, from exile, from the manger, from the mountaintop, from the cross, and from the empty tomb. Let the love of God be the center of our worship today. Amen.

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

*Hymn of Praise **There's a Song in the Air!** #159

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

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

Gloria Patri #36

Lighting the Candle of Love The Jacoby Family

Baby Blessing for Sofia Marie and Charlotte Belle Busha

Scripture **Luke 2:30-32 Matt 9:35-37** Susie Clower

Worship Hymn **I Wonder as I Wander vs. 1,2,3** #161

Sermon **Giving Love** Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Meditation Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder Angie Viebrock

(Barbara Millard, Scott Schoonover, Sandra & John Matthews
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 Angie Viebrock

Special Music **Night of the Father's Love** Choir

*Doxology #46

*Offering Prayer Elder Angie Viebrock

*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 **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks vs. 1,2,3,6** #154

Benediction Rev. Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

GIVING / TITHING



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Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Glen Bill Hanks

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Scripture Reading
GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

Luke 2:30-32 NIV

“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

Matt 9:35-37 NIV

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: December 21st-27

Monday: Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Rev 22:6-7, 18-20

Tuesday: Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14

Wednesday: Isa 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

Thursday: Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20

Friday: Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8

Saturday: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, Dec. 28 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy

Elder: Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth

Greeters: Ruth Ann Porter Charles Porter

Prep & Serve: Barbara Millard & Scott Schoonover

Serve & Clean-up: Sandra & John Matthews

Cash Counter: Susie Clower

Acolyte(s): Volunteers Needed

Nursery: Joyce French



(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)

Today: Baby Blessing & Special Offering

Baby blessing for the children of Stephanie Duff Busha & Ryan Busha, Sofia Marie Busha (2022) & Charlotte Belle Busha (2025). We will receive a special Christmas offering today that will go to support the work of our Greater Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Christmas Eve Service: Dec. 24th at 5 pm

In this family-friendly service, we will tell the Christmas story, sing beloved carols and pass the light of Christ throughout the room. Please plan to arrive a little early and invite friends to come with you.

Holiday Hours for Church Office:

The office will be closed Christmas Day and the Friday following and any days Smithville School are closed. The office will also be closed Jan. 1. Beginning January 2026, office hours will be 9 am to 1 pm Monday to Thursday.

All Ages Worship and Pajama Day : December 28

We will have a special all-ages worship service and hear more about the Christmas story. Plus Noisy Offering, so bring your spare change. Feel free to wear comfy pajamas to worship.

Epiphany: January 6

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!

Photos and/or videos from Smithville First Christian Church are used on social media, 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 information www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

Sun, Dec 21

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

Mon, Dec 22

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM - 7 PM Quilt Guild
- 11:00 AM - Writer's Group

Tue, Dec 23

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

Wed, Dec 24

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM - Candlelight Service

Thur, Dec 25

- Office Closed
- Merry Christmas

Fri, Dec 26

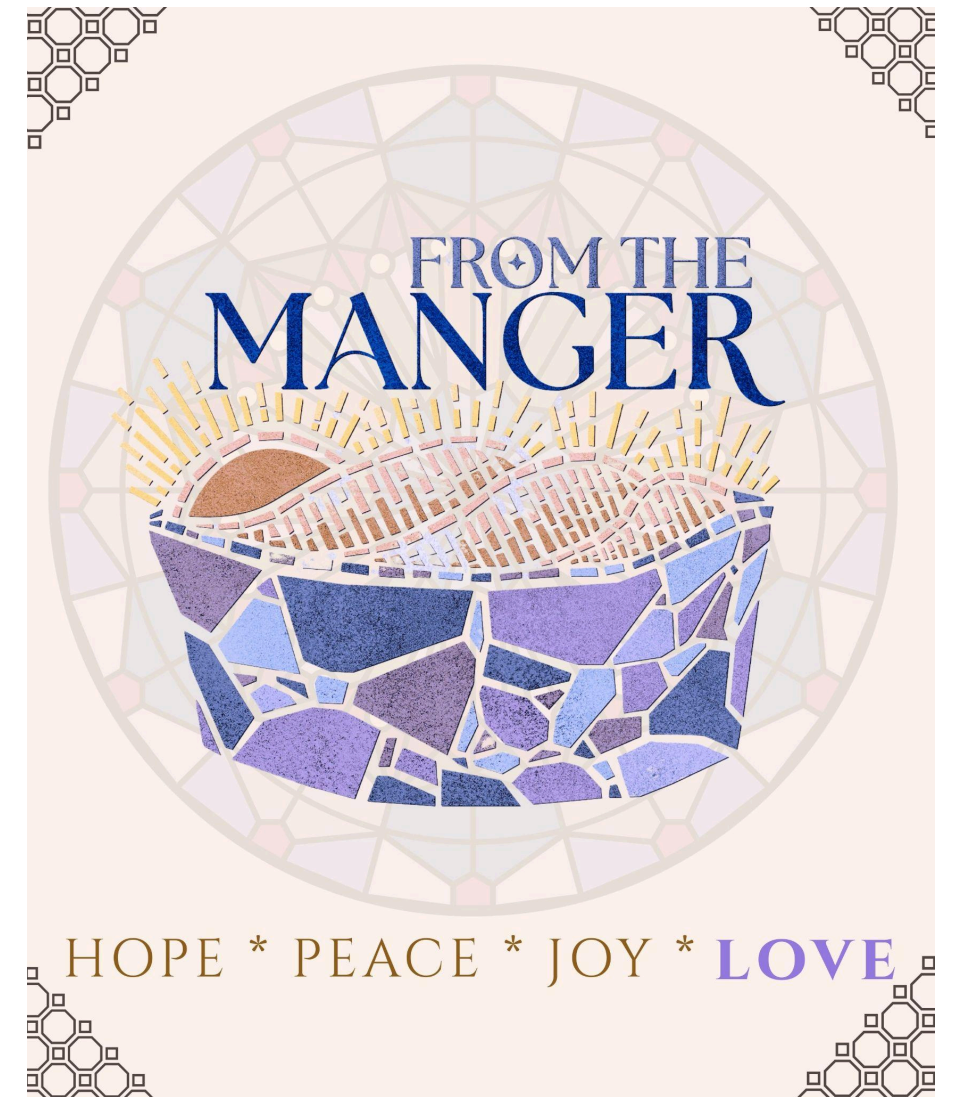
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Worship Live-Stream Visit

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