

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

December 7th, 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

As we begin this second week of Advent, we focus on peace, remembering that the angel said to the shepherds, "Be not afraid." Born to bring peace, Christ says, "Blessed are the peacemakers." In this season of long nights and expectant hearts, how do we find this peace? Peace happens when we treat each other, ourselves, and the world kindly. Peace emerges when the work of justice is done, when all are free to be who God made us to be. Let us worship in a spirit of peace, proclaiming the coming of the Prince of Peace!

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

*Hymn of Praise **Awake, and Greet the New Morn #138**
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer **(*Debts' and 'Debtors' version)**

Gloria Patri **#36**
Lighting the Candle of Hope Threads of Faith
Scripture **Luke 2:14; 10:1-6** Cindy Kimber
Worship Hymn **One Candle is Lit vs. 1,2,3 #128**

Sermon **Finding Peace** Rev. Laura Guy

Hymn **Angels, from the Realms of Glory #149**
Of Response

Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder Susie Clower

(Chloe Easton, Jonica Merritt, Barbara Millard 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 Susie Clower
Special Music **On A Night of Wonder** Choir
*Doxology **#46**
*Offering Prayer Elder Susie Clower
*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 **Emmanuel, Emmanuel (2x) #134**
Benediction Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Minnie Lee Breckenridge

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

Luke 2:14; 10:1-6, NIV

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you."

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: December 8th-13

Monday: Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25
Tuesday: Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15
Wednesday: Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30
Thursday: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Friday: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Saturday: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, Dec. 14 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Greg Atkins
Lay Leader: Jan Howard
Greeters: Janice Roberts, Mary Gordon
Prep & Serve: Sue Boswell, Larson Viebrock
Serve & Clean-up: Jack Massie, Coen Hickman
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Clay Hickman
Lincoln Viebrock
Nursery: Linda Neer

(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

🙏 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

Holiday Food Bags

We will be filling cloth bags with holiday foods for our neighbors on Saturday, Dec. 13th, beginning at 10 am. We need volunteers to help fill the bags and deliver them. We should be done by noon with the deliveries.

Holiday Hours for Church Office:

The office will be closed Christmas Day and the Friday Following and any days Smithville School are closed.

Christmas Choir

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

Writing Christmas Cards: Dec. 7 - 14

Bring unused Christmas cards, envelopes and stamps to church on Sunday, December 7th -14th to send cards to our Care Connections friends.

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.

Children's Christmas Program, Fellowship Dinner, & Congregational Meeting Dec 14

Enjoy this special time of sharing songs by our SFCC children. See Angie Viebrock for more information. 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.

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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 7

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

Mon, Dec 8

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

Tue, Dec 9

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

Wed, Dec 10

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

Thur, Dec 11

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

Fri, Dec 12

- 9:00 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM - Christmas Bag Food Prep Event
- 12:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Sat, Dec 13

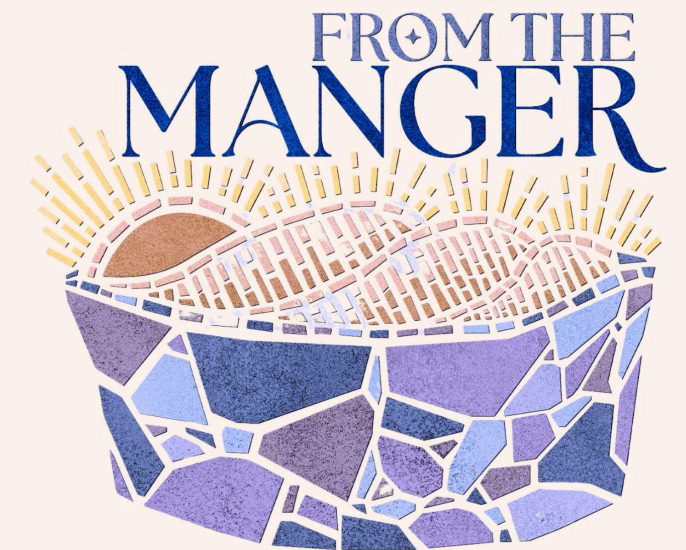
- 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM Candyland Christmas (FH)
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Christmas Bags Volunteer Day

Sun, Dec 14

- 9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)
- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 2:30 PM - Boy Scouts Committee
- 3:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Basement)



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December 7th, 2025

10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream Visit

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