

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

March 15, 2026

Please sign the attendance booklet at the end of the pews.

ORDER OF WORSHIP (*Please rise in body or spirit.)

Prelude Steven Cornwell

Bringing in the Light Brinley & Becket Milne

Welcome / Announcements Rev. Laura Guy

Call to Worship Cheryl Merideth
Lord, we hear you say "follow me," but we have fishing nets that need our attention. We have work to do and meetings to attend and shows to watch. Maybe we will follow you if we can find the time in our busy lives. Lord, we hear you say, "I will make you fishers of people," and so we decide to drop our nets and follow you along the highways and byways, finding those without hope. Lord, make us your disciples, so that we will love as you loved and serve as you served.

*Hymn of Praise **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

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

Gloria Patri **#36**

Greeting Time - *Greet new friends near you with a smile and wave and tell them your name. For old friends, share a handshake or hug, if you like. (Children may go to Children's Church)*

Scripture **John 14:22-23, 20:24-29** Cheryl Merideth

Worship Hymn Amazing Grace vs. 1,2,4 **#546**

Sermon **Thomas and Jude** Rev. Laura Guy

Hymn **Come Share the Lord** **#408**
Of Response

Communion Meditation Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

(Sue Boswell, Belinda Miller, Jack Massie, Larson Viebrock
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 Greg Atkins

Special Music **Crown Him with Many Crowns** S. 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 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #16**

Benediction Rev. Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

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in memory of Helen Makings

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ELDER FOR THE WEEK

Greg Atkins

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PASTOR LAURA GUY

Pastor Laura's office hours vary each week depending on her schedule. She's happy to meet with you. Please make an appointment so she is sure to be in the office. 913-515-3720, laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org

Scripture Reading

GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

John 14:22-23; 20:24-29, NIV

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Mar 15-Mar 21

Monday: Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday: Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday: Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11

Friday: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday: Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53



WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, March 22, 2026

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy

Elder: John Merritt

Lay Leader: Susie Clower

Greeters: Barbara Arnold

Prep & Serve: Diane & Earl Soetaert

Serve & Clean-up: Kathy Hamilton, Jonica Merritt

Cash Counter: Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s): Kyla Kays, Lincoln Viebrock

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>.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

🙏 Linda Prout Surgery Recovery & Knee 🙏 Neighbors & Friends' Health 🙏 Debbie Bennet, Kathy Hamilton's Friend 🙏 Shannon (Atkins) Lo Pizzo 🙏 Jay Hixson Health (Polly McCann's family) 🙏 Military and their families

Ongoing Prayers: 🙏 Pam & Perry Winn 🙏 Bud Morton 🙏 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

Send praises or prayer concerns to our online form or the prayer box in the back of the sanctuary. Our Pastor, and Elders will be happy to pray for your needs.
<https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

Bread and Broth This Wednesday, 5:30 pm

We will meet during Lent on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm for a meal and a time of study. Polly McCann will have a lesson and activities for children, Cara Massie will lead a youth study.

Love to Sing? Special Choir for Easter & Lent

Rehearsal for choir will be Wed, March 18th & 25th after Bread and Broth and Wed, April 1 at 6 pm. We will sing on Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter.

Ramadan Friendship Meal tonight 6:30 pm

Our Turkish friends from the Dialogue Institute will give a presentation and share a traditional Turkish meal.

Fellowship Dinner: March 22nd

Fellowship Dinner is March 22nd after the service. Bring a dish or side to share in our monthly Potluck right after the 10:30 service.

Donate Candy to our Egg Hunt: by March 25

Annual Potluck Easter Brunch 9:00 AM Waffles are provided. Bring your fave breakfast dish to share. Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at 10 AM, followed by the Easter Service at 10:30 AM. Please donate candy to the box in the Fellowship Hall by March 25th.

Good Friday Service: April 3rd, 7 pm.

You are invited to a Good Friday Easter Tenebrae Service Friday Evening, April 3rd at 7 pm. The Special Choir will perform.

Thinking About Getting Baptized? April 5th

Easter is the perfect day to enter the waters of new life! Contact Pastor Laura to learn more.

THIS WEEK AT SFCC

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

Sun, Mar 15

- 9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)
- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Boy Scouts Meetings
- 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM Ramadan Friendship Dinner

Mon, Mar 16

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM - Writer's Group
- 5:00 PM - Elders Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Board Meeting

Tue, Mar 17

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

Wed, Mar 18

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM - Bread & Broth + Study Adults, Kids, Youth

Thurs, Mar 19

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Threads of Faith
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Quit Guild (FH)
- 6:00 PM - AA 12- Step
- 6:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Fri, Mar 20

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

Sat, Mar 21

- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Quilt Guild

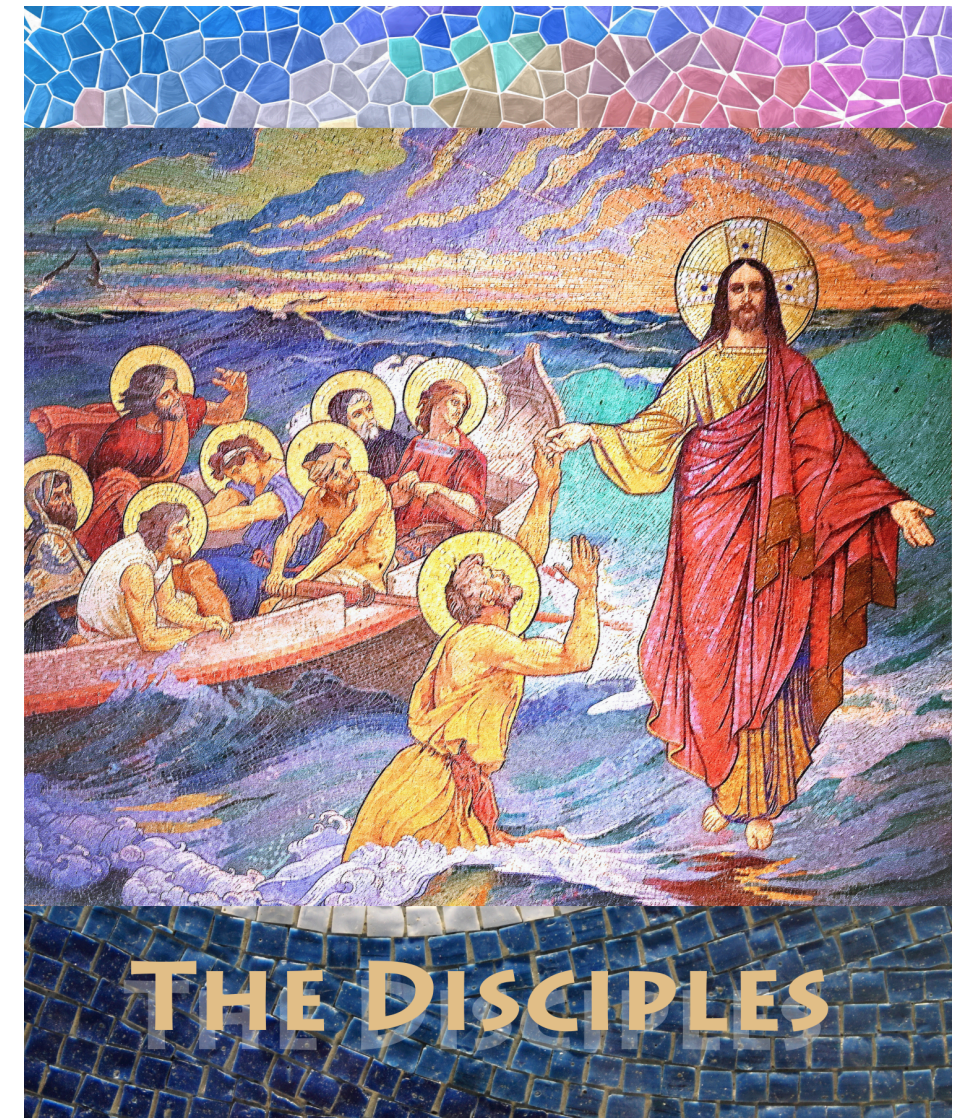
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The Disciples: Thomas and Jude

Mar 15th, 2026

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship

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