

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

March 22, 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	Kyla Kays & Lincoln Viebrock
Welcome / Announcements	Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship	Susie Clower
<i>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.</i>	
<i>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.</i>	
<i>Lord, make us your disciples, so that we will love as you loved and serve as you served.</i>	
*Hymn of Praise	<b>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee vs. 1, 3, 4 #2</b>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	<b>(‘Debts’ and ‘Debtors’ version)</b>
*Gloria Patri	<b>#36</b>
Greeting Time	
<i>(Children may go upstairs to Children's Church)</i>	
Scripture	<b>John 1:43-51</b> Susie Clower
Worship Hymn	<b>In Christ Alone</b>
Sermon	<b>Philip and Nathanael</b> Rev. Laura Guy
Hymn Of Response	<b>I've Got Peace Like a River #530</b>
Communion Meditation	Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer	Elder John Merritt

(Diane & Earl Soetaert, Jonica Merritt & Kathy Hamilton 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 John Merritt
Special Music	<b>Amazing Grace</b> Steven Cornwell
*Doxology	<b>#46</b>
*Offering Prayer	Elder John Merritt
*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 **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #422**

Benediction	Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude	Steven Cornwell

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in memory of Almeta Belle Fox

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**ELDER FOR THE WEEK**

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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](mailto:laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org)

**Scripture Reading**  
GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Mar 15-Mar 21**

**Monday:** Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12;  
**Tuesday:** Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10;  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 143; Jer 32:1-9, 36-41; Matt 22:23-33;  
**Thursday:** Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 45:40:5-10 Heb 10: 4-10  
**Friday:** Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30;  
**Saturday:** Psalm 31:9-16; Lams 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34;



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, March 29, 2026**

**Pulpit:** Rev. Laura Guy  
**Elder:** Jennifer Schoonover  
**Lay Leader:** Kathy Hamilton  
**Greeters:** Ruth Anne Porter  
**Prep & Serve:** Scott Schoonover  
**Serve & Clean-up:** Sandra Matthews  
**Cash Counter:** Susie Clower  
**Acolyte(s):** Keaton Crosby  
**Nursery:** Volunteer

(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

🙏 Brooks Boswell (Sue's Grandson) 🙏 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 25th after Bread and Broth and Wed, April 1 at 6 pm. We will sing on Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter.

#### **Fellowship Dinner: Today March 22nd**

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

#### **Egg Hunt: April 5th**

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.

#### **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](http://www.smithvillefirstchristian.org)

#### **Sun, Mar 22**

- 9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)
- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 11:30 AM - Fellowship Dinner
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Boy Scouts Meetings

#### **Mon, Mar 23**

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM - Writer's Group
- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Quilt Guild (FH)

#### **Tue, Mar 24**

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

#### **Wed, Mar 25**

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM - Bread & Broth + Study Adults, Kids, Youth
- 7:00 PM - Easter Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thurs, Mar 26**

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Threads of Faith
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Quilt Guild (FH)
- 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM Girl Scouts Unit 3398
- 6:00 PM - AA 12- Step
- 6:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

#### **Fri, Mar 27**

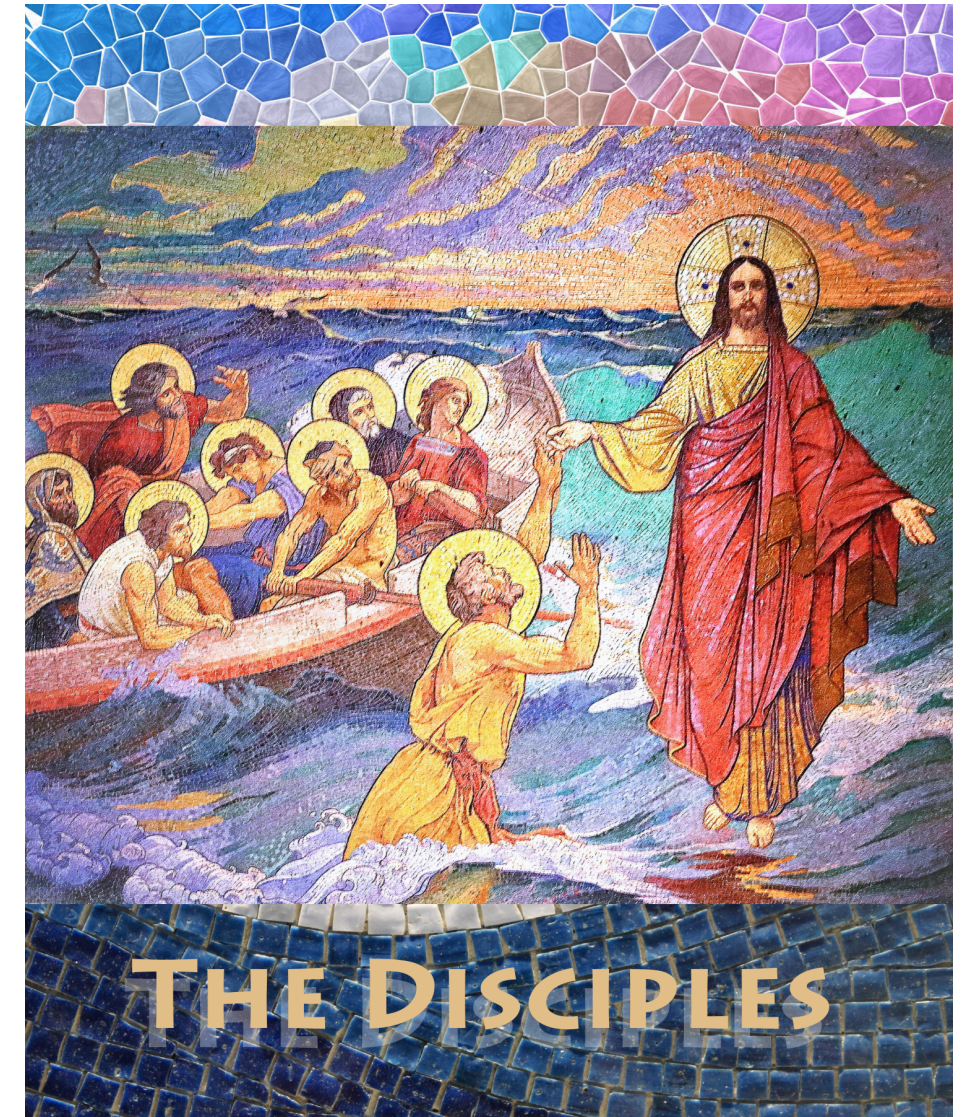
- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

#### **Sun, Mar 29**

- 9:15 AM - **Palm Sunday**
- 10:00 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)
- 10:30 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 3:30 PM - Worship Service
- 5:00 PM - 5:00 PM Boy Scouts Meetings



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*The Disciples: Philip and Nathanael*

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9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship

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