

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
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www.smithvillefirstchristian.org**

**April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday
9:15 am - Adult Sunday School
10:00 am - Coffee/Donuts Fellowship
10:30 am - Worship Service**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	Steven Cornwell
Bringing in the Light - Acolytes	Olivia Pendleton
Greeting / Welcome	Pastor Laura Guy
Announcements	Jan Howard
Call to Worship (Zechariah 9:9)	Jan Howard

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Hymn of Praise	#192 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Laura Guy
Silent Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	(Using "Debts")
*Gloria Patri	#36
<i>Children are dismissed for Worship and Wonder</i>	
Scripture	John 12:12-16 Jan Howard
Worship Hymn	#33 How Great Thou Art vs. 1,2,4
Sermon	"Jesus' Death and Our Own" Pastor Laura Guy
Hymn of Response	#CP32 Celebrate the Lord of Love

Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Pastor Laura

Communion Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

(Argel Merideth, Cheryl Merideth, Belinda Miller, & Jonica Merritt please come forward to serve Communion)

*Communion: We practice Open Communion at Christ's Table. **All** are welcome to partake in Holy Communion. 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.*

Invitation to Stewardship Elder Greg Atkins

Offering Special Music **Toccatina**

*Doxology **#46**

*Offering Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

*A Time of Invitation Pastor 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 **#552 Standing on the Promises vs. 1,3,4**

Benediction Pastor Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Ronnie L. VanWinkle

Praise & Prayer Request Form (NEW!)

<https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf> - Please submit your praise or prayer requests to our new form. Our Pastor, and Elders will monitor the form for submissions.



Giving/Tithing to the Church:

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/>



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Grow Read Imagine Pray

John 12:12-16

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

15 “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”[c]

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

Holy Week Daily Devotional Readings:

Monday, April 14: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 16: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 17: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 18: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 19: Job 14:1-14; Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42

Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week:

- Donate food to the Food Pantry or Blessing Box.
- Care Connection Volunteers - Contact Ineer23@gmail.com

Youth Registration

- Children’s Church
 - The Nursery & Youth Group
- <https://smithvillefirstchristian.org/youth-registration-form/>

Worship Schedule – EASTER, April 20, 2025

Elder – Cara Massie

Lay Leader - Cheryl Merideth

Prep & Serve – Danny Heath & Amy Heath

Serve & Clean-up – Janice Roberts & Sue Boswell

Greeters – Les & Linda Neer

Cash Counter – Greg Atkins

Acolyte(s) – Beckett & Brinley Milne **Nursery** - Ruth Anne Porter



(If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Thursday.) The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/3CWjFO0>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

smithvillefirstchristian.org/connect-with-us/announcements-events/

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The new office schedule will look like this starting Monday, April 7:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am-12:00 pm, (lunch break), 12:30 pm-4:00

pm. Friday - Closed

Food Pantry

For April, looking for donations of Hamburger Helper. Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 4 PM.** The food pantry is open to anyone in the community: **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**

Easter Choir

We are putting together a Choir to perform on Easter and need your help! If you are interested, call, text or email Steven Cornwell (Music Director).

Good Friday & Easter Sunday

4/18 Good Friday Service at 7 pm

4/20 Easter Sunday: 9 AM Potluck Breakfast, 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt,

10:30 AM Worship, 11:30 AM Church Photo

An Evening of Music: Wed., April 23

Join us on April 23 for an unforgettable evening! From 5:30 - 7:00 PM, you will enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner served by the Youth for a freewill donation. Afterward, you will enjoy a FREE performance by talented musicians from the Kansas City Symphony beginning at 7 PM.

Hospitality Task Force

Looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on a Hospitality Task Force for the next 6-8 months. We will need a good cross-section of people from long-timers to more recent members who still remember their first experiences. <https://bit.ly/3Rp7mx2>

Scholarships

Apply for the First Christian Church Scholarship and the Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller Scholarship Funds for undergraduate students only. Applicants must be members of the First Christian Church. Submit by Friday, 5/2/25. <https://smithvillefirstchristian.org/scholarships/>

Sunday, May 4th: Pastor Laura's Installation Service

Please join us for Pastor Laura's Installation Service during Worship Service on Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 am. We'll have guests from the Regional Office.

Saturday, April 26th

This Week @ FCC Smithville

Sunday, April 13

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)

10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM - Worship Service

3:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Basement)

Monday, April 14

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)

6:00 PM - Homeowners Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - AA (Basement)

6:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Wednesday, April 16

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, April 17

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith

5:30 PM - Girl Scouts Troop 3398 (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

6:30 PM - Quilt Guild

Friday, April 18

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Saturday, April 19

8:00 AM - Quilt Guild

Sunday, April 20

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)

10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)

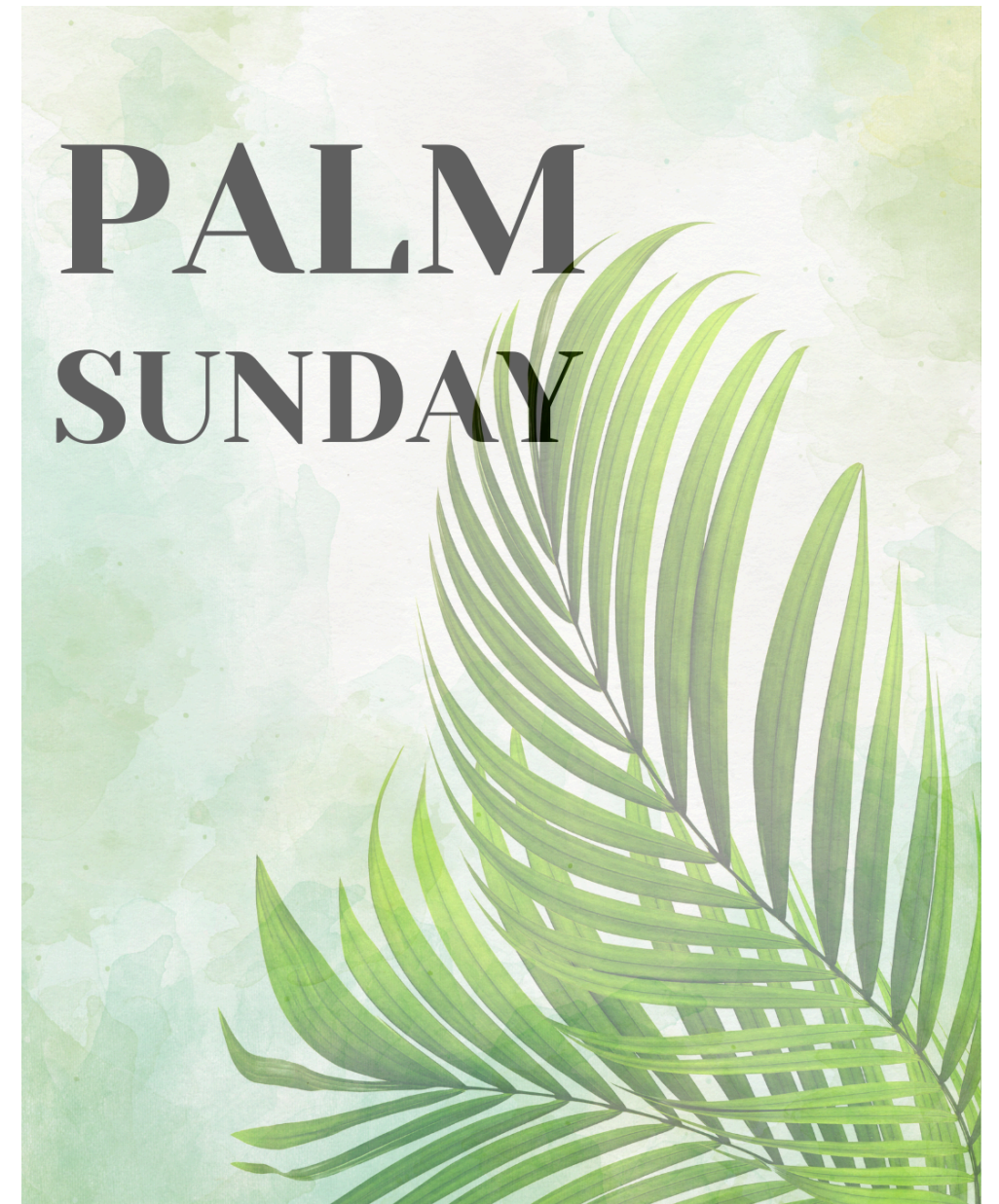
10:30 AM - Worship Service

12:30 PM - Fellowship Dinner

3:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Basement)

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

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April 13th, 2025

10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/smithvillefcc>