

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
816-532-0773
www.smithvillefirstchristian.org**

April 20, 2025 Easter
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)*

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| Prelude | Steven Cornwell |
| Bringing in the Light - Acolytes | Beckett & Brinley Milne |
| Greeting / Announcements | Pastor Laura Guy |
| Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 30) | Cheryl Merideth |
| <i>You have turned our mourning into dancing! You have taken away our funeral clothes and re-clothed us in joy, so that our whole being—body, mind and soul— might sing praise to you and not be silent. O Lord, our Lord, we will give thanks to you forever!</i> | |
| *Hymn of Praise | #216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today vs. 1,3,4 |
| Baby Blessing of Brodie Otto Swartz | |
| Presentation of Bible to Baptismal Candidate Kyleigh Reid | |
| 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 20:1-16 Cheryl Merideth |
| Worship Hymn | #340 Softly and Tenderly |
| Sermon | "Graveclothes" Pastor Laura Guy |

Hymn of Response **#CP32 Celebrate the Lord of Love**
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Pastor Laura
Communion Prayer Elder Cara Massie
*(Danny Heath, Amy Heath, Janice Roberts, and Sue Boswell, 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.*

Communion Special Music **On Eagles Wings** - Stefanie Busha
Invitation to Stewardship Elder Cara Massie
Offering Special Music **Easter Declaration** - Choir
*Doxology **#46**
*Offering Prayer Elder Cara Massie
*A Time of Invitation Elder Cara Massie
*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 **#234 Crown Him with Many Crowns
vs. 1,2,4**
Baptism (respond with #41 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah")
Benediction Pastor Laura Guy
Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
William E. "Bill" Parks

Praise & Prayer Request Form

<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.



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Elder for the week is Cara Massie
816-916-0789, caramassie@gmail.com

Grow Read Imagine Pray

John 20:1-16

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary
Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed
from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other
disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out
of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were
running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did
not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went
straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well
as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was
still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other
disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and
believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had
to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they
were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent
over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated
where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where
they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus
standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are
looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which
means "Teacher").

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Daily Devotional Readings:

Mon, Apr 21: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8;
Tues, Apr 22: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Rev. 12:1-12;
Wed, Apr 23: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12;
Thurs, Apr 24: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16;
Fri, Apr 25: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26;
Sat, Apr 26: Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40;

Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week:

- Donate food to the Food Pantry or Blessing Box.
- Care Connection Volunteers - Contact lineer23@gmail.com

Youth Registration <https://smithvillefirstchristian.org/youth-registration-form/>

- Children's Church
- The Nursery & Youth Group

Worship Schedule – Sunday, April 27, 2025

Elder – Jennifer Schoonover **Lay Leader** - Stacey Sapp
Prep & Serve – Becky Crosby & Belinda Miller
Serve & Clean-up – Scott Schoonover & Angie Viebrock
Greeters – Connie Murphy & Carol Summers
Cash Counter – Janice Roberts
Acolyte(s) – Katon & Case Crosby **Nursery** - Joyce French



(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/3CWjEO0>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

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

New Office hours

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (lunch break from 12 - 12:30 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**

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.

This Week @ FCC Smithville

Sunday, April 20

9:00 AM – Potluck Breakfast
10:00 AM - Egg Hunt
10:30 AM - Worship Service
11:30 AM - Church Photo

Monday, April 21

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 AM - Quilt Guild

Tuesday, April 22

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)
6:00 PM - AA (Basement)
6:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)
7:00 PM - Christian Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, April 23

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM - An Evening of Music Dinner
7:00 PM - An Evening of Music Symphony
6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, April 24

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith
6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

Friday, April 25

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)
5:30 PM - Sheila Everman Piano Recital

Saturday, April 26

1:30 PM - McKinney / Hayes Wedding

Sunday, April 27

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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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th, 2025

10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream found at:

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