

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

**April 6, 2025
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	Keaton & Case Crosby
Greeting & Announcements	Pastor Laura Guy
Call to Worship (Psalm 9:7-10)	McKinley Massie

The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

*Hymn of Praise #226 He Lives

Regional Youth Council Update

Presentation of Bible to Baptismal Candidate Cheryl Lewis

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Using "Debts")

*Gloria Patri #36

Children are dismissed for Worship and Wonder

Scripture **Romans 14:5-13** McKinley Massie

Worship Hymn #113 Jesus Loves Me!

Sermon "Dissatisfaction" Pastor Laura Guy

Hymn of Response #CP91 Create in Me a Clean Heart (2x)

Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Pastor Laura

Communion Prayer Elder Cara Massie

(John Matthews, Sandra Matthews, Susie Clower & Belinda Miller 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 Cara Massie

Offering Special Music **Celebrate the Lord of Love**

*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 #261 Sweet, Sweet Spirit (2x)

Baptism (congregation responds by singing #41 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah)

Benediction Pastor Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Birdie Yazel

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

Grow Read Imagine Pray

Romans 14:5-13

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,
“every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.”

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Daily Devotional Readings:

Monday, April 07: Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25;
Tuesday, April 08: Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28;
Wednesday, April 09: Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34;
Thursday, April 10: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9;
Friday, April 11: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18;
Saturday, April 12: Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13;

Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week:

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

Worship Schedule – April 13, 2025

Elder – Greg Atkins **Lay Leader** - Janet Howard
Prep & Serve – Argel & Cheryl Merideth
Serve & Clean-up – Belinda Miller & Jonica Merritt
Greeters – Sue Lake & Marilyn Smirall
Cash Counter – Susie Clower
Acolyte(s) – Olivia Pendleton **Nursery** - Suzanne Becker



(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/](https://www.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

Bread & Broth Series: April 9

Join us at 5:45 pm for a warm dinner, fellowship and discussion. To prepare, read chapters 18-24 in *The Screwtape Letters* for the final 4/9 discussion.

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

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.



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

Sign up for our newsletter <https://bit.ly/3ZeXsDx>

Email us: office@smithvillefirstchristian.org

This Week @ FCC Smithville

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
5:45 PM - Bread & Broth Series (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 13

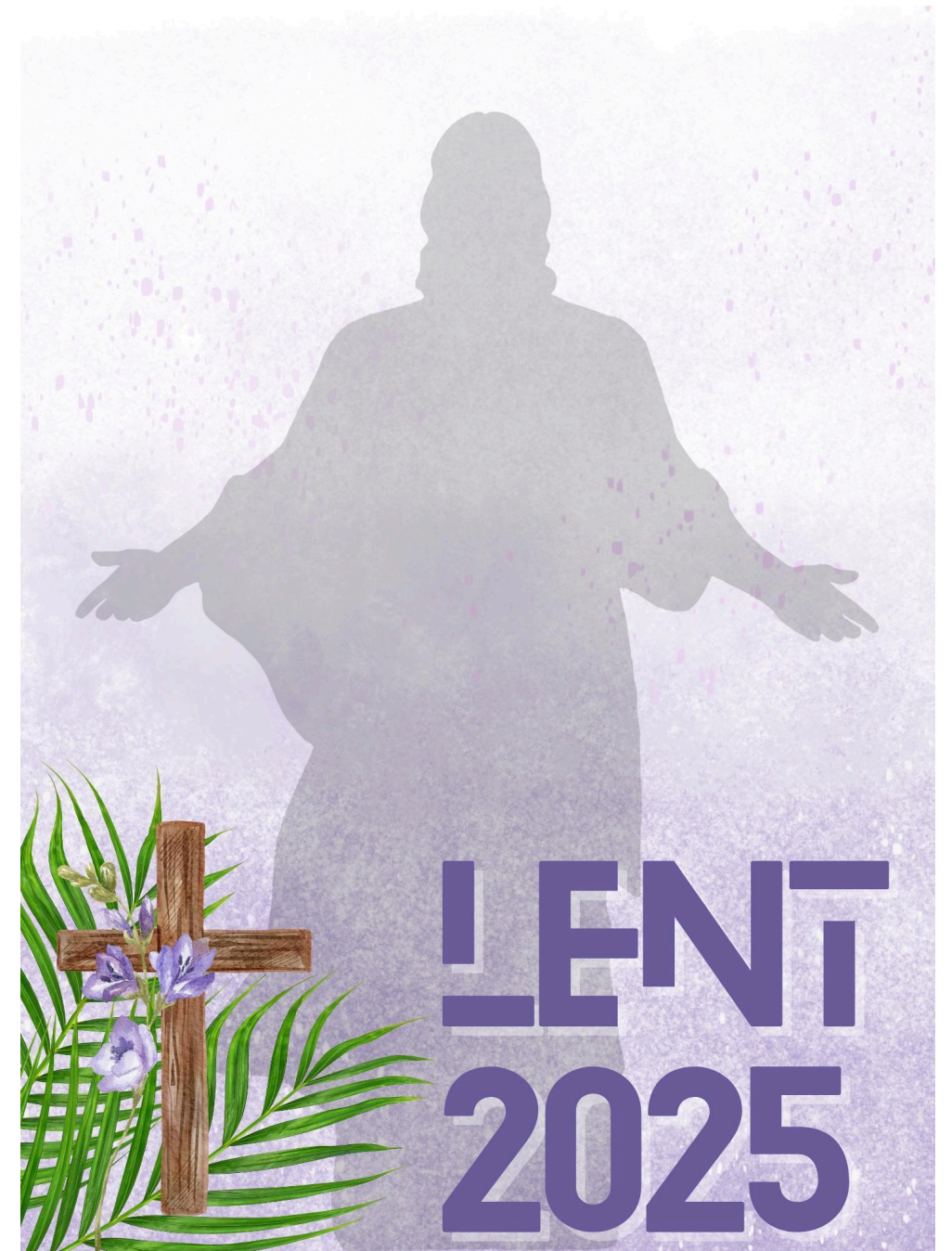
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■ Please check the church calendar online for the most up-to-date information www.smithvillefirstchristian.org Photos and/or videos from *Smithville First Christian Church* are used on social media, in broadcast of our services, and/or in promotion of events.

Youth Registration

- Children's Church
- The Nursery & Youth Group

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



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10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream found at:

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