

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

**May 11, 2025 - Mother's Day  
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  
Greeting / Announcements Pastor Laura Guy  
Call to Worship (Psalm 27:4-5) Susie Clower

*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.*

\*Hymn of Praise #CP9 New Song (Number 40)  
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Laura Guy  
Silent Prayer  
Lord's Prayer (Using "Debts")  
\*Gloria Patri #36

*Children are dismissed for Worship and Wonder*

Scripture Exodus 2:1-8 Susie Clower  
Worship Hymn #561 It Is Well with My Soul vs. 1,3,4  
Sermon "Five Women and a Baby"

Hymn of Response #CP151 One Spirit of Love  
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Pastor Laura  
Communion Prayer Elder Cara Massie

*(Janice Roberts, Kathy Hamilton Danny Heath & Amy Heath, 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  
\*Doxology #46  
\*Offering Prayer Elder Cara Massie  
\*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  
#343 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home vs. 1, 2, 3  
Benediction Pastor Laura Guy  
Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of  
**Benjamin F. Moreland**

**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.



**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/>



**Pastor Rev. Laura Guy:** 913-515-3720,  
laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org

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

**Youth Registration**

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

- Children's Church
- The Nursery & Youth Group

**G.row R.ead I.magine P.ray**

**Exodus 2:1-8 The Birth of Moses**

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

8 "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother.

**Daily Devotional Readings:**

**Monday, May 12:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4;  
**Tuesday, May 13:** Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35;  
**Wednesday, May 14:** Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42;  
**Thursday, May 15:** Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11;  
**Friday, May 16:** Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15;  
**Saturday, May 17:** Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19;

**Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week:**

- Donate food to the Food Pantry or Blessing Box.
- Care Connection Volunteers - Contact [ln eer23@gmail.com](mailto:ln eer23@gmail.com)
- Hospitality Task Force - Contact Pastor Laura Guy

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## **Worship Schedule – Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Pulpit** - Johnny Viebrock

**Elder** – Cara Massie

**Lay Leader** - Stacey Sapp

**Prep & Serve** – Argel Merideth & Cheryl Merideth

**Serve & Clean-up** – Sue Boswell & Becky Crosby

**Greeters** – Connie Murphy & Donice Ratliff

**Cash Counter** – Greg Atkins

**Nursery** - Linda Neer

**Acolyte(s)** – Keaton & Case Crosby



*(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/)

### **Food Pantry**

For May, 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**

### **Coffee with the Pastor - Tuesday, May 13 at 6 PM**

If you're relatively new here, come hang out with Pastor Laura and learn more about our denomination, our church and her own story and theology. Ask any questions you like! Premium decaf coffee, iced tea and desserts will be served.

### **Sunday, May 18 is Scholarship Sunday**

Scholarships will be awarded during church service on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Please be in attendance on that day. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 816-532-0773.

### **Woman Together: Sunday, June 1st at 5:30 PM**

We are going to launch a new women's ministry - Women Together. We recognized a need for women to have opportunities for fellowship and friendship, so we're creating monthly get-togethers or outings for any women in the church who are able to attend. Our first get-together will be at the home of Jonica Merritt on Sunday, June 1st at 5:30 pm. She will have a fun craft for us to try, and then we will roast hot dogs and marshmallows around the fire pit.

### **Volunteers Needed for Office Coverage**

Jennifer Carr's last day as our Office Administrator was Monday, May 5th. Jennifer was always pleasant and welcoming to those visiting the office, and we will miss her. We will try to have volunteers cover the office from 9:00 – 12:00 Monday – Thursday. Please understand if no one is available in the office as we go through this transition. If you would like to be an office volunteer, please contact Cheryl Parks Hill, [cherylparkshill@gmail.com](mailto:cherylparkshill@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **Praise & Prayers Update**

Next week, in the bulletin for 5/18, we will be starting fresh - combining Praise & Prayers with Continuing Concerns. Please submit any prayer requests - new or continuing concerns - through the Prayer Request Form by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 14th, for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin for 5/18. Going forward, please use the form to submit prayer requests of any type by Wednesday to have it appear in the Sunday Bulletin.

## **This Week @ FCC Smithville**

### **Sunday, May 11**

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School

10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts

10:30 AM - Worship Service

3:30 PM - Boy Scouts (Basement)

### **Monday, May 12**

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, May 13**

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

6:00 PM - AA (Basement)

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

### **Wednesday, May 14**

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

### **Thursday, May 15**

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith

5:30 PM - Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

6:30 PM - Quilt Guild

### **Friday, May 16**

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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

5:00 PM - Boy Scouts Micosay Retreat (Basement)

### **Sunday, May 18**

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

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Mother's Day Worship



**First Christian Church**

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**May 11th, 2025**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**Worship Live-Stream found at:**

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