



The Current Weekly



A Note From

Pastor Laura

December 23rd, 2025

Dear Church,

If you are planning to attend worship on Christmas Eve or next Sunday, Dec. 28, PLEASE take a moment to read through this important information. We want our hospitality to sparkle this Christmas season!

Christmas Eve

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

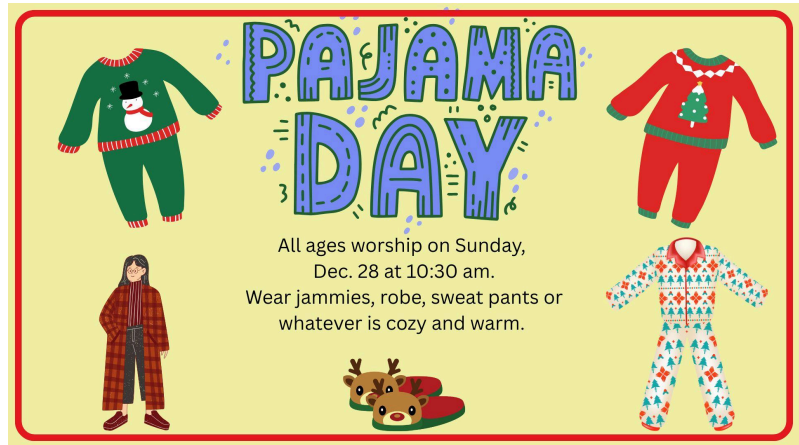


1. If you are physically able, please consider parking somewhere other than our parking lot. We want to make sure that any guests can find easy parking in our lot, even if they arrive at 4:58.
2. Plan to come early (4:40) so that you can help welcome guests or step in to help if there is a need and you are able. John Merritt has said that he will provide a tray of cookies so that we can enjoy fellowship before worship.
3. If you are physically able, please consider sitting closer to the front of the room because guests prefer to sit in the back.

If you are bringing guests with you, feel free to ignore any of these requests so that you can be a gracious host. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a greeter or deacon.

I've sent out an email with instructions to the people I remember speaking to me on Sunday. If you want to volunteer and didn't get my email, let me know!

And next Sunday is an all-ages service with the kids taking up another noisy offering (loose change in metal buckets) for Heifer International. It's also Pajama Day! Wear pajamas, robes, slippers or just cozy sweat pants if you want. My grandkids are planning to come in pajamas so I know they'll be excited to see grown ups in pajamas, too. I'll provide some donuts with sprinkles just for the kids (of all ages).



Merry Christmas!

Pastor Laura

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Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24

Please make plans to attend and invite friends to our family-friendly Christmas Eve Worship at 5 pm on Dec. 24th. It will be a beautiful celebration of this most holy night. If possible, please arrive early to enjoy a cookie and fellowship and park somewhere other than our parking lot to leave spaces for guests.



Experience the joy and wonder of Christmas in our family-friendly candlelight Christmas Eve service.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 5 pm

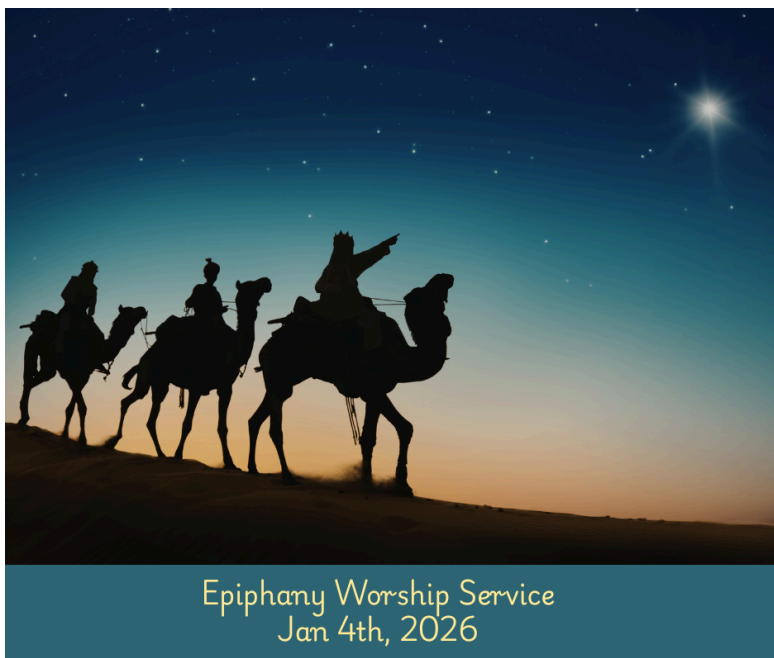
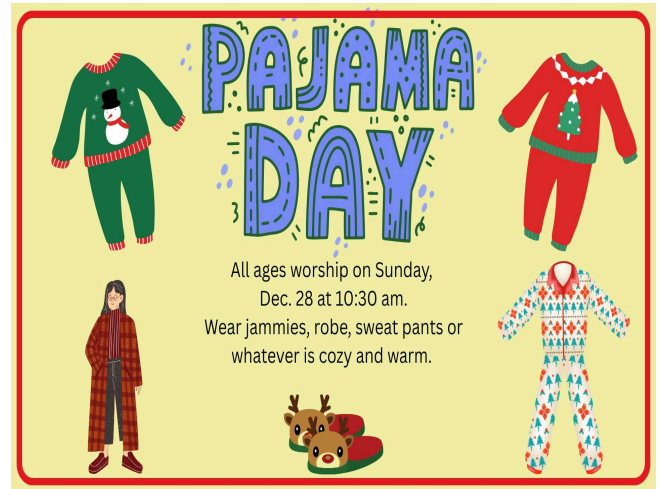


You're also welcome to worship with us Sundays at 10:30 am

Everyone is welcome here!

All Ages Worship: Sunday Dec. 28th

We will have a special all-ages worship service and hear more about the Christmas story. PLUS, to make it extra fun, it will be a Pajama Day! Wear your favorite comfy pajamas (robes, sweat pants etc). The children will take another noisy offering, so save your loose change.



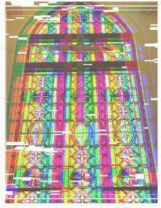
Epiphany Worship: Jan 4th

We will close out the Christmas season with our Epiphany worship service on Jan 4th as we welcome the Magi who came to see the newborn king. For this first Sunday of the new year, we will also receive our own star words that can guide us in the coming year. After worship, volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas decorations. Lunch will be provided.

Church Office Holiday Hours and New 2026 Hours

The church office will be closed Christmas day and the Friday afterwards. In 2026, Church office hours will change to Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Our inclement Weather Policy is that the Church and Food Pantry will be closed when Smithville School District is closed due to weather. You may always call to confirm if we're open.





WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Watch Last Sunday's Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17ehaT7MGE/>

Click here for website-->[ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

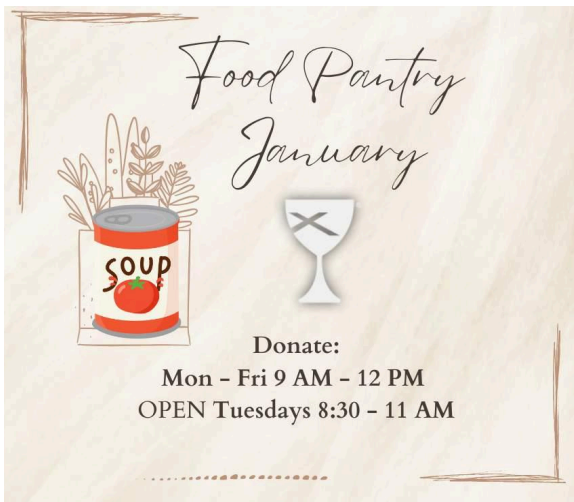
Coffee & Donut Fellowship **Every Sunday at 10 AM**

Hungry for some time chatting with old and new friends? Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! We are thankful for these sweet treats each week, and even more, the sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.



January Food Pantry

We are so thankful to you for supporting this ministry. Thank you for your generosity this year! The food pantry is open to anyone in the Smithville community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**. Contact Cheryl Parks Hill with questions or to volunteer. Thanks to your support we delivered 85 food bags for Christmas dinner to those in our community.



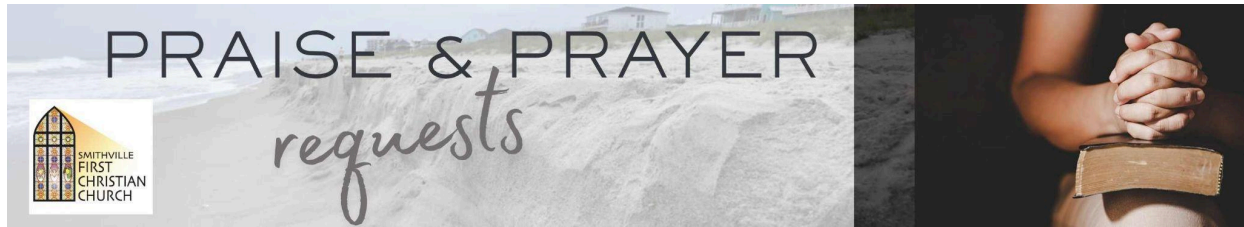
Note from Bob and Jenny: Smithville Housing Authority

See the fireplace mantle and bulletin board for more letters...

Dear Pastor & Friends

Smithville First Christian Church has reached out to the tenants at the Smithville Housing Authority for many years through the Food Pantry & with the wonderful Christmas Baskets. Our Folks truly appreciate the good will Cheryl Hill & Other volunteers make Christmas bright for our folks.

*May God's grace be with you all,
Bob & Jenny*



We've reopened the in person handwritten prayer box, however you can also share prayers or praises through the Prayer Request Form online. If you'd like a public prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by Wednesday before. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community! To submit a Prayer Request: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3, NIV

Worship Service Schedule for December 28, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Ruth Ann & Charles Porter
Prep & Serve: Barbara Millard & Scott Schoonover

Serve & Clean-up: Dandra & John Matthews
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Need Volunteers
Nursery: Joyce French

Worship Service Schedule for January 4, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Greg Atkins
Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton
Greeters: Jonica Merritt

Prep & Serve: Sue Boswell & Becky Crosby
Serve & Clean-up: Cheryl Merideth
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby
Nursery: Linda Neer

**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>.*

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