

The Current Weekly

November 12, 2025



Dear Church,

I mentioned on Sunday that I am at a preaching conference/retreat in Phoenix this week. This is for Disciples of Christ pastors, and it's a combination of workshops, worship and free time. I'm hopeful that I'll learn some new things, and that I'll also be able to map out sermons for the next year. I can always change my mind and switch things around later, but it's helpful to have a roadmap so I can make sure that I'm balancing scriptural sermons and topical sermons and that I don't ignore either the Old or New Testament. It's hard to believe that I'm already planning out my second year of sermons with you!

This Sunday, we'll finish the story of Esther. Several of you told me that you'd never read the book of Esther before, but now you're curious enough to go read it. That's what I was hoping for! It's such a wonderful story, and we still have more to discover in the second half.

Then we'll have a Thanksgiving service on Nov. 23rd, and after that, we're already in Advent. I'll say more about our Advent series next week, but I wanted to give you a heads up that I'll be teaching an adult Sunday School class at 9:15 during Advent. I asked the Koinonia class if they wanted to join this short-term class, and they said yes. Anyone else who'd like to spend time looking at the Christmas story is welcome to join us for the 4-week series. We'll meet in the front of the sanctuary so that we can accommodate everyone who wants to participate. We will find a different location on Dec. 14th when the children's program will need the sanctuary for rehearsals.

Have a great week!

Laura

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Pastor Laura

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Watch Last Sunday's Worship Service:

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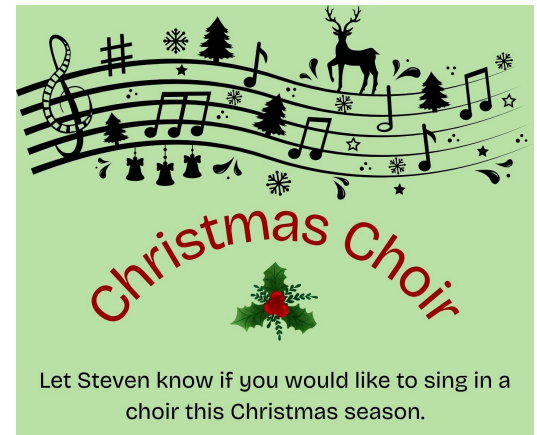
announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



Christmas Choir

Sing with us! Steven Cornwell, our music coordinator, is directing a special choir for the Christmas season. Would you like to join in the fun? Rehearsals will be Wednesdays: Nov. 23rd, Dec 3rd, Dec 10th, and Dec 17th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.. The choir will sing during our Sunday Service on Nov 23rd and Dec 3rd through 21st.



Women Together Event: Saturday, December 13th

We will go out for lunch and then go hear a Christmas concert by Steven's choir, Central Standard, at the Folly. Tickets are \$25 each for balcony seats. **Sign up and pay by Nov. 9** to be seated together, or purchase tickets on your own for Dec. 13th, 2:30 pm show. Meet at the church at 11:30 am to carpool. Men are welcome, too!

Thanksgiving Potluck: November 16th

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner in November is one you won't wanna miss. Join us for turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes. Bring along some trimmings. Everyone can bring a side dish or dessert to share for this community time after worship on Nov. 16th.





Hanging of the Greens: November 23rd

Sunday November 23rd, 8:30 am, join us for the annual Hanging of the Greens (decorating for Christmas). Hot breakfast will be provided by the Worship Committee.

Angel Tree: November 30th, 2025

We will be collecting gifts again this year for Angel Tree. Angel Tree is a holiday assistance program by The Salvation Army that provides gifts and clothing to children and seniors in need. To participate, individuals or groups "adopt an angel" by taking a paper tag from an Angel Tree and purchasing gifts from the child's wish list. Sunday November 30th is our deadline to bring in gifts so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. [Virtual Salvation Army Tags](#) Link here.



Clothing Drive: November 2025

Christian Women's Fellowship will be collecting coats, hats, gloves, mittens and boots this season for those in need. Let's make a difference by participating in our Winter Coat Drive event. Donate your gently used coats and help someone stay warm during the cold winter months. Please put your donations in our "cooler" chest in the Fellowship Hall.

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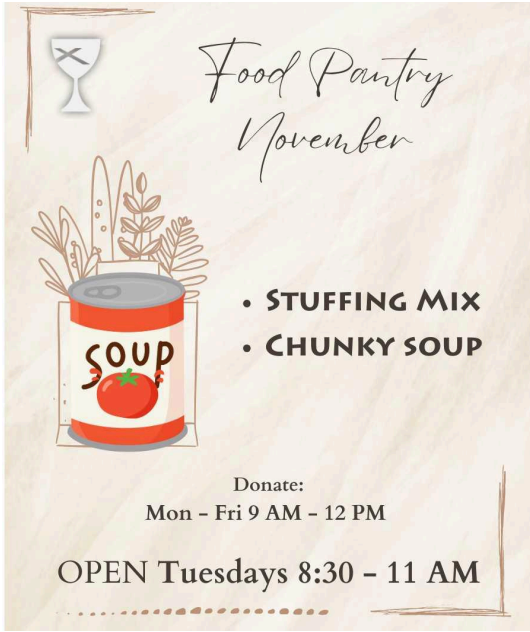
Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the cards, prayers, and kind words regarding my father's recent death. Your support means so much and we truly appreciate you thinking of our family during this difficult time.

Sandra Matthews



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.



November Food Pantry

Donations of Stuffing Mix, & Chunky Soups are appreciated in November. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM in the food cart located inside the parking lot entrance or please fill up the mini pantry (outdoor blessing box) outside! The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**. It is the 30th anniversary of our food pantry this year! We are so thankful to you for supporting this ministry.

The Tall Oaks Gala: Friday Nov 14th

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks.

<https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>



Candlelight
Christmas Eve
Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 24th
5 pm

Share the beauty and meaning of Christmas with friends and family as we sing carols, hear the story of Christ's birth, and fill the sanctuary with candlelight.

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24

Please make plans to attend and invite friends to our Christmas Eve Worship at 5 pm on Dec. 24th. It will be a beautiful celebration of this most holy night.

PRAISE & PRAYER *requests*



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!

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." James 5:16, NLT

To submit a Prayer Request: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

Worship Service Schedule for Nov 16, 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Shirley Curtis-Klein, Kathy Hamilton
Prep & Serve: Cheryl Lewis, Jack Massie

Serve & Clean-up: Schott schoonover, Larson Viebrock
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Keaton & Case Crosby
Nursery: Linda Neer



Worship Service Schedule for November 23, 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton
Greeters: Judy & Mac clough
Prep & Serve: Linda Prout & Kathy Hamilton

Serve & Clean-up: Cheryl Lewis & Jack Massie
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Clay Hickman, Lincoln Viebrock
Nursery: Janice Roberts

**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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