

Hanging of the
Greens
Nov 23rd

The Current Weekly

November 17th-23th, 2025

A Note From

Pastor Laura

Dear Church,

This Sunday is our official Thanksgiving service, but last Sunday felt like a day of thanks, too! We welcomed Matt, Rachel, Declan and Adeline Terrill into our congregation, and then we celebrated with a great feast after worship. We actually wondered if we might run out of chairs in the Fellowship Hall! God has blessed us with new friends and old friends alike in our church. Let's gather this Sunday to give thanks!



My family always had a rule that we didn't play Christmas music until the day after Thanksgiving. That's so we didn't rush past the meaning and special memories of Thanksgiving Day. I've relaxed that rule a bit since I became a pastor. I'm often listening to Christmas music throughout November as I prepare choir songs or sermons. And I've discovered that the two holidays go hand-in-hand very well.

We'll experience a bit of both this Sunday as we "hang the greens" before worship at 8:30 am. Our service will be full of thanks, with a glimpse at Christmas and a baby blessing added in for good measure.

Advent starts the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30. I will be preaching a curriculum called "From the Manger." We will have some devotional materials available for people to take home and use during Advent. And I'll be teaching a Sunday School class for youth and adults at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. The Koinonia class will join the Advent class when we start on Nov. 30, and others are welcome to come for a study of the Christmas scriptures.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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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. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays: Nov. 19th, Dec 3rd, Dec 10th, and Dec 17th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing during our Sunday Services on Nov 23rd and Dec 3rd through 21st.



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

Thank you for purchasing gifts with Angel Tree again this year through the Salvation Army. It goes to children and seniors in need. To participate, take a paper tag from an Angel Tree and purchase 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.

**Advent Sunday School Class
Starts on Nov. 30th**

Pastor Laura will lead this 4-week class during Advent.
Meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 am.
All adults and youth are welcome!



Sunday School this Advent

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**Candyland
Christmas:
December 6th**



PLEASE JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE OUR STOP ON THE

**CANDYLAND
CHRISTMAS**
CRAFTS & HOT CHOCOLATE!
FILL A CUP OF CHEER
FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

DEC | **6** | 1 PM TO
5:30 PM

SMITHVILLE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Smithville Chamber of Commerce event takes place in Downtown. SFCC is sponsoring the event and will be a stop on the map. We will be providing a Christmas Ornament Craft Making station as well as providing a Hot Chocolate Bar for participants. This is a great opportunity to invite the community in and share some fun! We will set up the tables in the fellowship Hall at church to welcome visitors and friends through the day. We set up at noon, and the clean will be quick - as close to 5:30 as possible. Sign up with Angie Viebrock to help from noon to 2:30 or 2:30 to 5:30.

CENTRAL STANDARD & VOCAL STANDARD
present

**HOLIDAY
HARMONIES**
AN A CAPPELLA SHOW



TICKETS:



DECEMBER 13, 2025
2:30 & 7:00 PM

THE FOLLY THEATER
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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. You can 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!

**Children's Christmas Program: Sunday
December 14th**

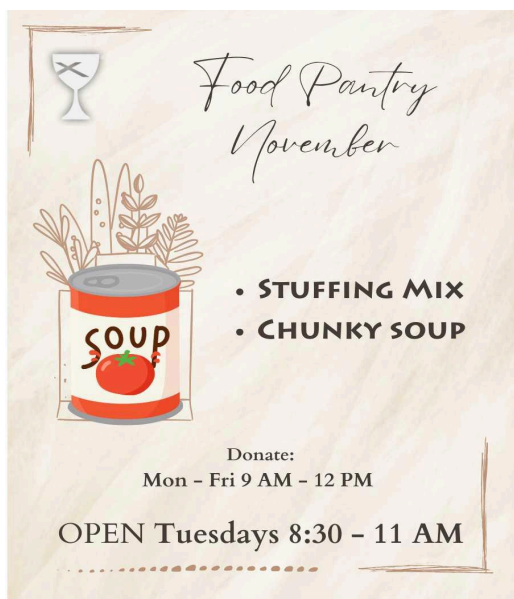
The Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for December 14th during worship. We will have a rehearsal that morning at 9:00 am and breakfast will be provided for the children. Add this great event to your calendars today!

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed Thanksgiving and the Friday afterwards, as well as Christmas day and the following Friday.

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 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. **Saturday, December 13th at 10:00**. We fill and deliver two cloth grocery bags of food to 85 families. It takes about 45 minutes to fill the bags and then people deliver them to the addresses in the bag. If you delivered a few bags after filling the bags, you would be finished by noon.

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.



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.

Watch the Nov 16th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AR5p6DvGL/>

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



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!

"Make room for us in your hearts." 2nd Corinthians 7:2a, NIV

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

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

Worship Service Schedule for November 30, 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Angie Viebrock
Lay Leader: Jan Howard
Greeters: Jonica Merritt & John Merritt
Prep & Serve: Sandra & John Matthews

Serve & Clean-up: Linda Neer & Belinda Miller
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Brinley & Beckett Milne
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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