

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI

April 19th, 2026

Please sign the attendance booklet at the end of the pews.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Please rise in body or spirit.)

Prelude	Steven Cornwell
Bringing in the Light	Keaton & Case Crosby
Welcome / Announcements	Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship	Cheryl Merideth

The Lord has all authority in heaven and on earth! We come to worship the One who commands us to make disciples of all nations. He has taught us to observe all things He has commanded. We come to learn and to walk in His ways. Lo, He is with us always, even to the end of the age. Surely, Jesus is here! Come, let us worship him.

\*Hymn of Praise **I Will Praise You**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer **'Debts' and 'Debtors' version**

\*Gloria Patri #36

Greeting Time

Scripture Merideth **John 1:9, Matt 28:20, Heb 13:5** Cheryl

Worship Hymn **Fairest Lord Jesus # 97**

Sermon **"The Promise of His Presence"** Johnny Viebrock

Hymn Of Response **Spirit Song #352**

Communion Meditation Rev. Laura Guy

Communion Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

(Diane & Earl Soetaert, Sandra & John Matthews) please come forward to serve Communion.)

*Communion: We practice Open Communion at the Lord's Table. All are welcome to participate in Communion here. 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. If you don't wish to take Communion, just pass the tray to the person next to you or a deacon.*

Invitation to Stewardship Elder Greg Atkins

Special Music **And Can It Be?**

\*Doxology #46

\*Offering Prayer Elder Greg Atkins

\*A Time of Invitation Rev. 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 **I Know That My Redeemer Liveth #225**

Benediction Rev. Laura Guy

Postlude Steven Cornwell

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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/>

OUR MEMORIAL BOOK IS OPEN TODAY

in memory of Barbara McFadden

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Sign up for our newsletter on our website [www.smithvillefirstchristian.org](http://www.smithvillefirstchristian.org)

ELDER FOR THE WEEK

Greg Atkins  
[glatkins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glatkins@sbcglobal.net), 816-532-4457

PASTOR LAURA GUY

Pastor Laura's office hours vary each week depending on her schedule. She's happy to meet with you. Please make an appointment

Scripture Reading  
GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

so she is sure to be in the office. 913-515-3720,  
[laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org](mailto:laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org)

Joshua 1:9, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5, NIV

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Matthew 28: 20 (NIV)

"...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: April 19-25

Monday: Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday: Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday: Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14

Thursday: Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12;

Friday: Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, April

26, 2026



Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy

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Elder: John Merritt

Lay Leader: Susie Clower

Greeters: Marilyn Simrall

Prep & Serve: Linda Neer, Janice Roberts

Serve & Clean-up: Volunteer, Kathy Hamilton

Cash Counter: Greg Atkins

Acolyte(s): Maeve Jacoby, Stella Jacoby

Nursery: Jonica Merritt

(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>.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

🙏 Bob, \*Sherry and daughter Jackie (Greg's friend's health and support) 🙏 Jerry Duff Hip Replacement 🙏 Brooks Boswell broken elbow (Sue's Grandson) 🙏 Debbie Bennet, Kathy Hamilton's Friend 🙏 Jay Hixson Health (Polly McCann's family) 🙏 Military and their families **Ongoing Prayers:** 🙏 Pam & Perry Winn 🙏 Bud Morton 🙏 Mary Ann Shannon 🙏 John & Joyce Summers 🙏 Traci Easton 🙏 Beverly Darling 🙏 Linda Mitchell 🙏 Lavera Craig 🙏 Jerry Wagle 🙏 Rick Bullock 🙏 Julie Hatcher 🙏 Melinda Powell

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS



Send praises or prayer concerns to our online form or the prayer box in the back of the sanctuary. Our Pastor, and Elders will be happy to pray for your needs. <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full list on our website)

### Food Pantry

Donations of rice and pasta sides etc. can be dropped off Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM. The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM.

### Nominations & Volunteering at SFCC Now Open

You can now volunteer or fill out board nominations for the new season on paper or online. Feel free to nominate yourself if there is a place you're willing to serve! [Click here for the online form.](#)

**Office this Week only** will close early at noon. Hours Mon from Thursday 9:00 A.M to Noon.

### Youth Group Kick Off Party: Friday April 24th 5:30 PM

Join us for our Spring Youth Group Kick Off Party. We will be making pizza from scratch and homemade popcorn balls. Bring your favorite topping or sprinkle for the pizza!

### Fellowship Dinner: May 17th

We will not have another Fellowship Dinner in April. Join us for our next pot luck fellowship dinner 3rd Sunday Potluck, May 17th. Grades 6 to 12 Youth, will eat together and gather for games and fellowship outside.

### Save the date Youth Group Bon Fire: May 31st 7:30 PM

Singalong & S'mores, hotdogs. Youth Group grades 6 to 12. Join us for "No Caps" When we really are going to have fun, for real.

### Graduating or in College?

Scholarships are now available to apply for online or paper copies in the office. Apply by Sunday May 31st at noon. Awards given in service Sunday June, 14th, 2026. [SFCC Scholarship Form](#) for those who have completed 24 hours of college or the [Miller Scholarship](#)

Form for high school graduates, upcoming Freshmen. Link on the website.

## THIS WEEK AT SFCC

Please check the church calendar online for the most up-to-date info [www.smithvillefirstchristian.org](http://www.smithvillefirstchristian.org)

### Sun, Apr 19

- 9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)
- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Boy Scouts (Basement)

### Mon, Apr 20

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM - Writer's Group
- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Quilt Guild
- 5:00 PM - Elders Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting

### Tue, Apr 21

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

### Wed, Apr 22

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM - Bible Study via Zoom

### Thurs, Apr 23

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Threads of Faith
- 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM Girl Scouts 3398 (FH)
- 6:00 PM - AA 12- Step

### Fri, Apr 24

- 9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM - Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)
- 5:30 PM - 8:30 Youth Group Cooked: Pizza Party

### Sun, Apr 26

- 9:15 AM - Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)



- 10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Boy Scouts (Basement)

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