

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
April 26th, 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	Maeve Jacoby, Stella Jacoby
Welcome / Announcements	Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship	Susie Clower

*As many voices ring in our ears,
we choose to listen for Your voice,
to do what pleases You
and to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.
Strengthen each of us to choose the high road,
to live up to the greatness You placed within us,
and to honor You in all our ways.*

Hymn of Praise* **Shout to the Lord

Honoring Our Graduates

Addison Ayers - Platte County High School
Megan Barr - Northwest Missouri State
Lauren Burns - Kansas City University
Kendall Cissell - Metropolitan Community College
Brandt Cook - Smithville High School
Chloe Easton - Smithville High School
McKinley Massie - Smithville High School
Cole Matthews - Wichita State University
Robert Schwind - UMKC School of Law
Larson Viebrock - Smithville High School

Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Laura Guy
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Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer	'Debts' and 'Debtors' version
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*Gloria Patri	#36
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Greeting Time **(Children may go upstairs to Children's Church)**

Scripture	Hebrews 5:11-14	Susie Clower
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Worship Hymn	Thank God I Do
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Sermon	Growing Up	Rev. Laura Guy
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Hymn	All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly	#419
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Of Response

Communion Meditation	Rev. Laura Guy
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Communion Prayer	Elder John Merritt
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(Linda Neer, Janice Roberts, Volunteer, Kathy Hamilton)
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 John Merritt
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Special Music	My Savior's Love	Steven Cornwell
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*Doxology	#46
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*Offering Prayer	Elder John Merritt
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*A Time of Invitation	Rev. Laura Guy
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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	Thy Life Was Giv'n for Me vs. 1,2,4	#3
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Benediction	Rev. Laura Guy
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Postlude	Steven Cornwell
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GIVING / TITHING

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OUR MEMORIAL BOOK IS OPEN TODAY

in memory of Dorothy Allmon

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ELDER FOR THE WEEK

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*Pastor Laura's office hours vary each week depending on her schedule. Please call or email her at 913-515-3720,
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Scripture Reading
GROW READ IMAGINE PRAY

Hebrews 5:11-14, NIV

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: April 26-May 2nd

Monday: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
Tuesday: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21;
Wednesday: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28;
Thursday: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15;
Friday: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16;
Saturday: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59;

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, May 3rd, 2026

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Gerry Carson
Greeters: Janice Heath, Janice Roberts
Prep & Serve: Amy Heath, Danny Heath
Serve & Clean-up: Barbara Millard, Larson Viebrock
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Kyla Kays, Lincoln Viebrock
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

🙏 Shawn Bond 🙏 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 Placement & Stacey Johnson Cancer Recovery (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.

Register for Camp before the Early Bird Deadline, May 1

Sign up for camp before May 1 to save \$50! You can register online at <https://www.kcdisciples.org/youth>.

Town Hall Meeting Next Sunday after worship

The By-Laws Committee will present the proposed changes and answer any questions you may have.

Fellowship Dinner: May 17th

Join us for our next pot luck fellowship potluck on May 17th. Grades 6 to 12 Youth, will eat together and gather for games and fellowship outside.

Congregational Meeting, May 31st after worship

We will vote on the nominees from the Nominating Committee and the proposed by-law changes.

Save the date Youth Group Bonfire: 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? Apply for a scholarship

Scholarships applications are now available. You can apply online or with paper copies in the office. Awards given to those who have attended at least a year. We will celebrate the awards in service Sunday June, 14th, 2026. 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.

Propagation Fair, Sunday June 7th after worship

It's all about plants! We'll share a light potluck lunch and then learn more about how to propagate baby plants. Bring in any starts of plants you want to share and go home with some new leafy friends.

THIS WEEK AT SFCC

Please check the church calendar online for the most up-to-date info www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

Sun, Apr 26

9:15 AM
10:00 AM
10:30 AM
3:30 PM

Mon, Apr 27

9:30 AM
11:00 AM

Tue, Apr 28

8:30 AM
6:00 PM
6:00 PM

Wed, Apr 29

9:30 AM
6:00 PM

Thurs, Apr 30

9:00 AM
6:00 PM

Fri, May 1

9:30 AM
12:00 PM

Sun, May 3

9:15 AM
10:00 AM
10:30 AM
11:40 AM
2:30 PM

Graduation Sunday

- Koinonia Sunday School (Parlor)
- Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (FH)
- Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Boy Scouts (Basement)

- Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- Writer's Group

- 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)
- AA (Basement)
- Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

- Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- Bible Study via Zoom

- 3:00 PM Threads of Faith
- AA 12- Step

- Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

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- Worship Service
- Town Hall Meeting
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Growing Up: Graduation Sunday



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