

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
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www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

January 5, 2025

9:15 am - Adult Sunday School & Real Moms, Real Jesus
10:00 am - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts
10:30 am - Worship Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Denotes please rise in body or spirit)

Acolytes Clay Hickman
Welcome Elder Jennifer Schoonover
*Hymn of Praise #170 "How Great Our Joy!" vs. 1,2,4
A Time for Prayer Elder Jennifer Schoonover
Pastoral Prayer Elder Jennifer Schoonover
Silent Prayer
*Lord's Prayer
*Gloria Patri #36
Worship & Wonder Stacey Sapp
Worship Hymn #160 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)
Sermon "Seeing What's in Front of Us" Rev. Laura Guy
Invitation to the Lord's Supper: We practice Open Communion At God's Table, All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.
(Deacons John Matthews, Sandra Matthews, Susie Clower & Scott Schoonover please come forward)
Words of Institution Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer Elder Jennifer Schoonover
Invitation to Stewardship Elder Jennifer Schoonover
Special Music "We Three Kings"
John Merritt, Phil French, and Steven Cornwell

*Doxology #46

Offering Prayer Elder Jennifer Schoonover

A Time of Invitation
If you wish to make a commitment to Jesus Christ, or would like to join Smithville First Christian Church, please come forward.

Changing the Light
*Hymn of Sending #165 "Once in Royal David's City"
vs. 1,2,4

*Benediction Elder Jennifer Schoonover

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Ralph & Leah Brooks Atkins

Daily devotional readings:

Monday, January 06, 2025: Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7,10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12,
Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday, January 07, 2025:

Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1;

Wednesday, January 08, 2025:

Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20;

Thursday, January 09, 2025:

Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;

Friday, January 10, 2025:

Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10;

Saturday, January 11, 2025:

Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16;

Giving/Tithing to the Church:

We are thankful for your faithful and generous support of this ministry. Your generosity helps serve our community and beyond.

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Grow Read Imagine Pray

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit the Messiah

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." [b]"

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week:

- Bring a donation to the Food Pantry or Blessing Box.
 - Care Connection Volunteers - Contact lnear23@gmail.com
 - Food Pantry Volunteers - Contact cherylparkshill@gmail.com
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Worship Schedule – January 12, 2024

Sermon - Rev. Laura Guy **Acolyte** -Olivia Pendleton
Elder - Greg Atkins **Nursery Volunteer** - Suzanne Becker
Greeter - Sue Lake & Marilyn Simrall
Prep & Serve - Danny Heath & Amy Heath
Serve & Clean-up - Belinda Miller & Jonica Merritt
Cash Counter - Susie Clower

(If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Thursday.) The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code.



Youth Registration

- Children's Church
- The Nursery & Youth
- Youth Group



<https://smithvillefirstchristian.org/ministry-with-youth>

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Full List on our Website

smithvillefirstchristian.org/connect-with-us/announcements-events/

Meet Rev. Laura Guy - Pastoral Candidate for SFCC

Rev. Laura Guy will be our guest minister today, and Jan. 12. Please take the time to meet her before and after service and plan to attend the Q&A Session following worship service today. Read more

<https://smithvillefirstchristian.org/reverend-laura-guy/>

Sundays at 9:15 am: Real Moms - Real Jesus

All are welcome! Please join us for Sundays at 9:15 am in the 2nd floor Worship & Wonder room. Kiddo's are welcome! Register today!

<https://bit.ly/3C9JgIB>

Winter Jam 2025: Friday, January 17th

All youth are invited to attend Winter Jam 2025. The church is covering the ticket costs. Please let Ms. Stacey through GroupMe know if you plan to attend. We need to purchase tickets in advance!

Regional DOC Youth Group Meeting, Sat., Jan. 18th:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 18th, at 2 PM, and swing by St. Andrews Christian Church in Olathe! It's the perfect chance to connect with fellow youth from all the DOC Youth Groups around town!

Upcoming Tall Oaks Camps & Retreats:

Registration Chi Rho Mid-Winter retreat is open! The Middle School retreat is **February 7 - 9**. CHI RHO (Middle School) Registration:

<https://docgeneralassembly.regfox.com/2025-gkc-chi-rho-midwinter>

Tall Oaks Dinner in the Trees: Sunday, Jan. 26 at 5:30

Enjoy a four-course meal benefitting Tall Oaks Camps and Conference Center. Purchase tickets by emailing reservations@talloaks.org.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed on Tuesdays

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Food Pantry on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11:00 am. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer please contact Food Pantry Chair, Cheryl Parks Hill - cherylparkshill@gmail.com

Please send announcements or event information you'd like published in the newsletter or bulletin by **Monday at 9:00 AM**.

Prayer Hotline Email

SFCCprayers@gmail.com - Please send your praise or prayer requests to this email. The Elder Team, the Church Secretary, and our future pastor will monitor the email address for messages. Please note if your prayer request is private or public.

This Week @ FCC Smithville

Sunday, January 5

9:15 AM - Adult Sunday School, Koinonia
9:15 AM - Real Moms, Real Jesus Bible Study
10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts
10:30 AM - In-Person/Live-Streamed Worship
2:30 PM - Boy Scout Committee Meeting
3:30 PM - Boy Scouts

Monday, January 6

9:30 AM – Yoga
11:00 AM – Writers Group

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry
6:00 PM - AA (upstairs classroom)
6:00 PM – Al-Anon (basement)
6:30 PM - Girl Scout Leader Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, January 8

9:30 AM - Yoga
6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, January 9

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith
6:00 PM – AA
6:00 PM - Girl Scouts

Friday, January 10

9:30 AM – Yoga
12:00 PM – Al-Anon

Saturday, January 11

9:00 AM – Quilt Guild

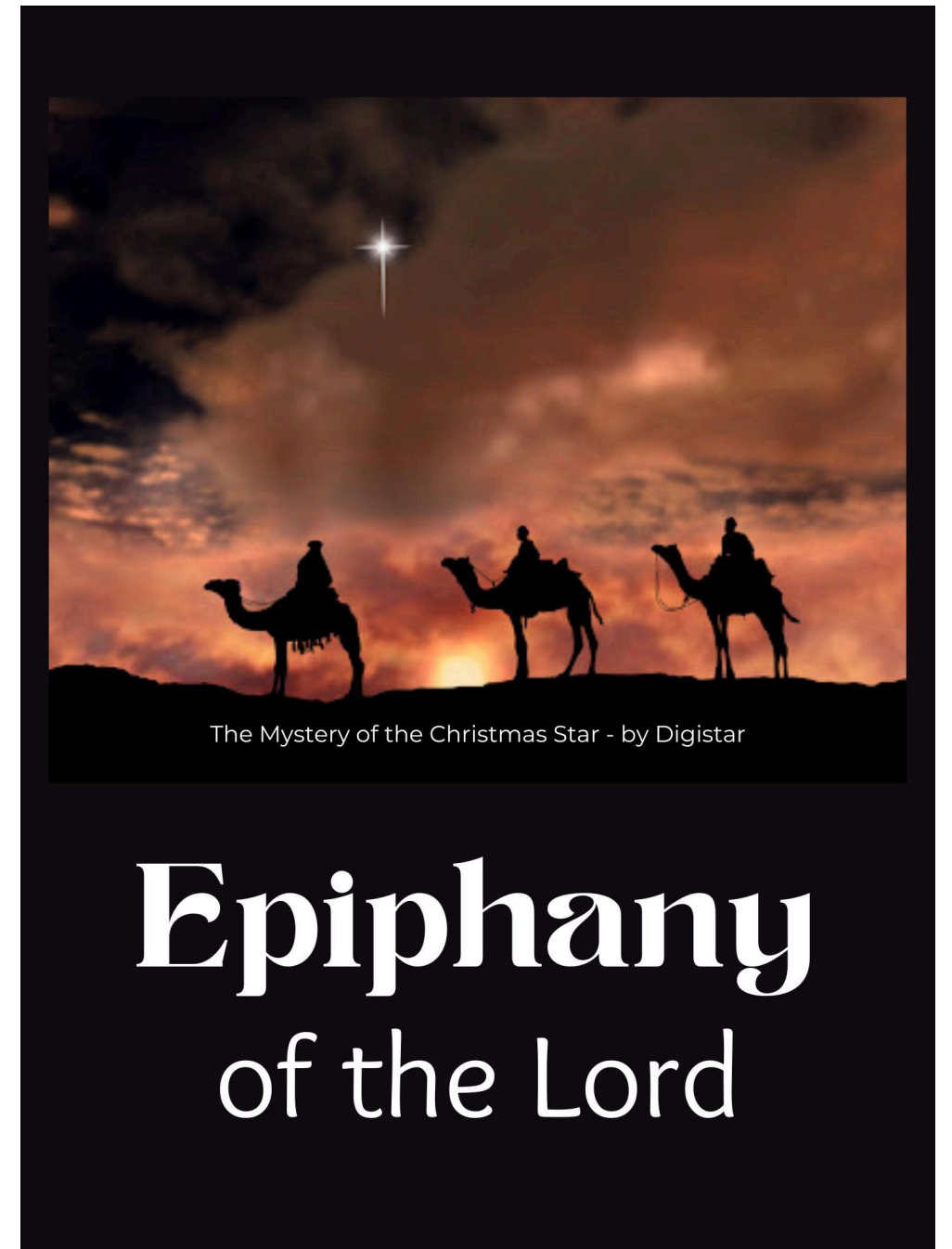
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Please check the church calendar online at www.smithvillefirstchristian.org for the most up-to-date information.

‡ Elder for the week is Jennifer Schoonover
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January 5th, 2025

10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/smithvillefcc>