



Greetings: Please take a minute to find our page on Facebook so that you can join in on the live stream of this morning's service. We will have a time for offering today. If you would like to give online, just go to our "[Tithe.ly](#)" online giving page or to our church website ([www.fccstjo.org](#)). We'll also be sharing in communion today so we invite you to prepare by finding something from home you can use to represent the bread and the juice. The lyrics to the songs in today's worship service are provided below.



Welcome: Neal Zeilinger

Do We Still Believe? Pastor Brian

Singing Together: "I Believe" by Mark A. Miller

Beth McLenaghan, Maddie Dryer, Jackson Connors, Colton Connors

I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun,
even when, even when it's not shining.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love: Barb Edwards

The Meaning of the Nativity Scene: Landon Hibler &
Kenny Crawford

Welcome... We're Glad You Are Tuning In!

Our congregation is diverse in age, race, sexual orientation, biblical interpretation, culture, ethnic background, gender identity & expression, economic circumstance, family configuration, political inclination and physical ability. We celebrate and honor this diversity and welcome the struggle necessary to sustain it.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Message: "I Believe" pt. 2 Pastor Brian Kirk

Hymn: "Love Has Broken Down the Wall" by Mark A. Miller

Beth, Maddie, Jackson, and Colton

Love has broken down the wall.

Love has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one.

Love has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.

We're accepted as we are.

Through love's power,

All is reconciled.

We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love freely offered here.

Cast aside your doubts and fear.

We will tear down the walls.

We will tear down every wall.

Love has called, us one and all.

Love has broken down the wall.

Love has broken down the wall.

Praying Together: Bev Grienke

Sharing Our Gifts:

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Breaking Bread: Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, Regional Minister, Christian Church Disciples of Christ of Mid-America

Lord's Prayer – (*Please use whatever words are most familiar to you.*)

Our Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

A Final Thought: Pastor Brian

Closing Song: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Beth, Maddie, Jackson, and Colton

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets bard foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold,

when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

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Going Forth: Neal Zeilinger

PRAYER REQUESTS

All the medical and health care professionals serving during this pandemic.

Our members who are dealing with health issues due to COVID-19

Condolences to the family and church friends of **Jane Urqhart**.

Congratulations to **Mike & Carol Pittman** on the birth of their new granddaughter

Evelyn Hemmen's brother and **Kaye Adkins** uncle Bill who is starting on hospice

Sara McLaren's cousin's son, Steele

Carla Willis' Aunt Jeannette with health concerns

Katey Girard with health concerns

Condolences to **Beth McLenaghan** and **Hugh** on the passing of Beth's mother

Keisha Davis' Aunt Gail dealing with health issues

Chris Bartlett's cousin, Ashley, dealing with health issues

Condolences to **Kate Davison** on the passing of her friend, Jodie

Cathy Hammer

Kim Potter, Judy Spencer, Beth Kar receiving treatment for cancer.

Carolyn Koftan, sister-in-law of **Sandy Hamlin**, in hospice care.

Kayla Harris' mother, Robin Knotts, living with cancer

Friends and Family: Liz Canon, John Nichols, son of Nancy Nichols; Kathy Long, friend of Janet Pullen,

Homebound: Francis Hesnault, Louis Parmalee, Bette Lampton, Pat Jacobs

Global Ministries: Lesotho

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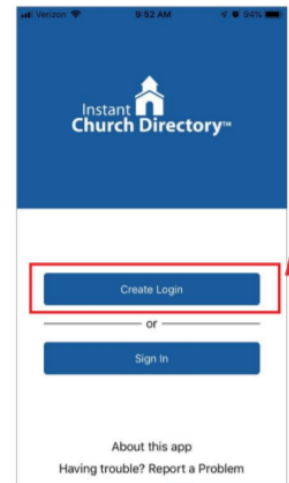
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