



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: Nancy Nash

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: Jackson
Connors & Maddie Dryer

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: Luke 1:26-45

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Message: "I Believe" pt. 3 Pastor Brian Kirk

Hymn: "In the Stillness" by Mark A. Miller
Beth, Maddie, Jackson, and Colton

The gentle pull of God is often lost amidst the rush of all the obligations which lay a claim on us. Yet, just beyond the frantic pace our restless feet have trod, lie deep still pools of quietness, the dwelling place of God.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord, be the air I breathe, meet me in the stillness, Lord, free me to receive. Meet me in the stillness, Lord, be the air I breathe, meet me in the stillness, Lord, free me to receive.

O take me to that secret place where lost in wonder and in awe. That moment comes and I rejoice to be, and be with God!

Meet me in the stillness, Lord, be the air I breathe, meet me in the stillness, Lord, free me to receive, to receive.

Meet me in the stillness, Lord, free me to receive, to receive.

Praying Together: Carla Willis

Sharing Our Gifts:

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Breaking Bread:

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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beth McLenaghan, Maddie Dryer, Jackson Connors, Colton Connors

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

(OMIT VERSE 3)

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus;
Which the morning stars began
love divine is reigning o'er us
healing us with Mercy's hand
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Going Forth: Nancy Nash

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 **Jamie Hixson** on the passing of her brother

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

Beth Kar on a recent hospital stay

Sara McLaren's cousin's son, Steele

Carla Willis' Aunt Jeannette with health concerns

Katey Girard with health concerns

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: Lebanon

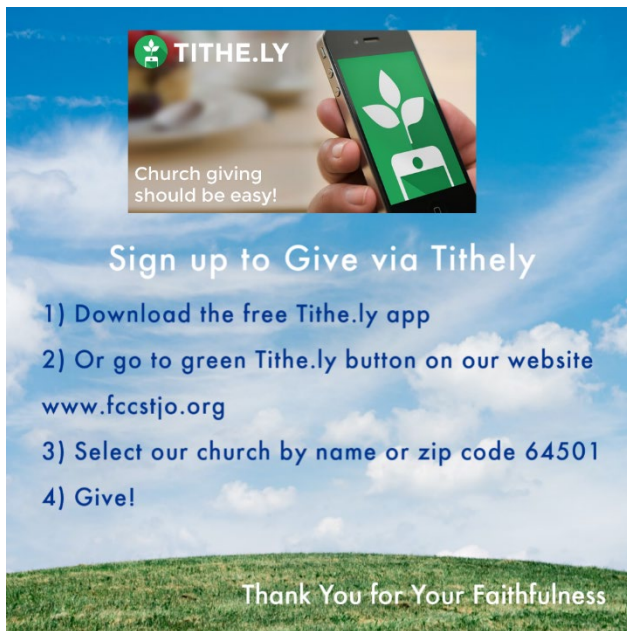
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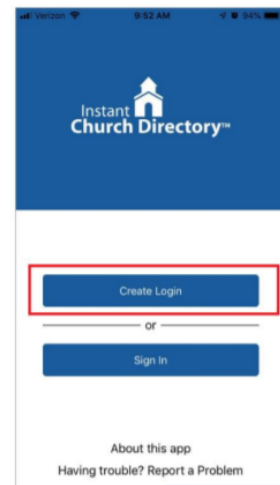
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