



*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](https://www.tithe.ly)" online giving page or to our church website ([www.fccstjo.org](http://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:** Katey Girard

**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 light,  
I believe in the light,  
That has come, that has come  
And is coming.

**Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace:** Debbie Sherard

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

**Hymn: "O Come O Come Emmanuel" (Veni Emmanuel)**

**Verse 1**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

**Chorus**

Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**Verse 2**

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

**Verse 3**

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go

**Verse 4**

O come Desire of nations bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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**Scripture Reading:** John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Message:** "I Believe" pt. 4 Pastor Brian Kirk

**Hymn:** "When Angels Sing" by Mark A. Miller  
Beth, Madeline Jackson, and Colton

Within each lifetime an angel's voice is heard;  
Celestial sounds pierce time and space.  
For just a moment, the breathless beauty  
Of heaven's song reveals God's grace.

Peace in our hearts, peace when angels sing,

Peace, be still and listen heart.

Listen when angels sing.

Despite our sorrow, the dawn brings life anew;  
And raging stress begins to cease,  
For just a moment, breathless beauty  
Of heaven's song brings us peace.

**Prayer:** Chuck & Carol Mullican

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**Doxology:** "Believe" Cooper McLaren  
To the tune of "Give Thanks"

Believe, with a peaceful heart!  
Believe, and shine your light!  
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what our God has done for us." Believe!

### **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:** "Go Tell it on the Mountain"  
Beth McLenaghan,

**Chorus**

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

**Verse 1**

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

**Verse 2**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

**Verse 3**

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

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**Going Forth:** Katey Girard

## **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

**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

**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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Church office: **816-209-8212** (Kenny, our administrator, is currently in the office on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 9 AM – 1 PM.)

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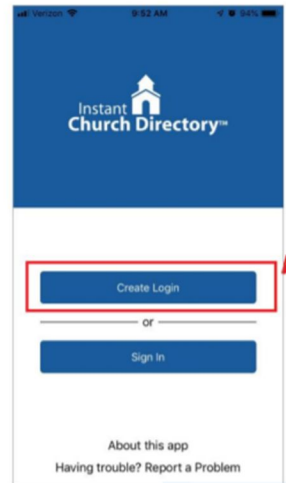
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