



Greetings: Please take a minute to find the link to today's YouTube worship video at the top of our Facebook page so that you can join in on the live premiere 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: Colton Connors

A Word with Pastor Brian

Singing Together: "Shine On Us"

Beth McLenaghan, Maddie Dryer, Jackson Connors,
Colton Connors

Verse 1

Lord let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
Lord let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life

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.

To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us

Verse 2

Lord let Your grace
Grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord let Your grace
Grace from Your hand fall on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us

Verse 3

Lord let Your love
Love with no end come over us
Lord let Your love
Love with no end come over us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us

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

Scripture Reading: Selections from Matthew 2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Message: "Which Way to the Light?" - Pastor Brian Kirk

Hymn: "We Three Kings"

Beth McLenaghan

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus

O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship Him God on high

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Peals through the earth and skies

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Praying Together: Sandy Hamlin, Elder

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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

Final Thoughts: Pastor Brian Kirk

Closing Song: "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Beth McLenaghan, Sean Connors

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

** With God our creator
We are family,
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

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Going Forth: Colton Connors

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

Miranda Virden recent outpatient surgery

Arlene Sollars, with a recent cancer diagnosis

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

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, Mike Casady, friend of Kenny Crawford

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

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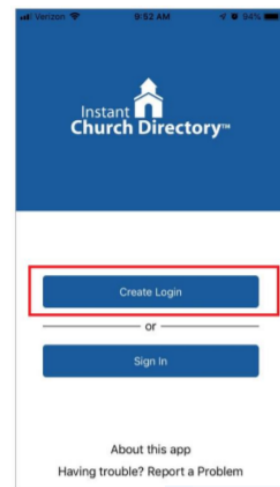
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