



Sunday December 12, 2021



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.



Welcome: Mike Plttman

Opening Song: "Waiting For You" by The Many

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Judy Van Vickle

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: Luke 1:46-56: Mike Pittman

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Message: "Waiting for...Justice" Pastor Brian Kirk

Praying Together:

Offering Invitation

We invite you to support our ministries by giving online today: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1309125

Breaking Bread at God's Table: Kay Edson, Elder

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

Going Forth: Mike Pittman

CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 14— FCC Book Club, FCC Social Room 9:00am

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for **Barb Edwards'** cousin's grandson, Knox

Prayers for **Suzanne Shay's** great nephew, Gavan, who was diagnosed with leukemia and for his family

Prayers for **Tyson Huff-Garza's** cousin who is in the hospital with COVID

Prayers for all **students** who are doing the hard work of learning and growing up while the world is on literal and metaphorical fire, and their **teachers**

Prayers for **Chris Bartlett's** cousin, Ashley, dealing with health issues

Prayers for Elijah Gallagher, friend of **Neal & Rhonda Zeilinger's** grandson, Nick

Prayers for **Elaine McCool**, who is now on hospice care at home

Prayers for **Francis Hesnault** who is in the hospital with some health issues

Chuck Vaughn's uncle, Gordon Vaughn, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer

Jamie Hixson's cousin, Robert Hixson, dealing with heart issues

Theresa Pinson's uncle, John Huffman whose cancer has returned

Micah Beedle as she deals with a health issue

Brandon Gregg, son of **Brenda Gregg**, the local Alzheimer's office in our building, having arm surgeries

Stephanie Stewart's friends, Dave & Debbie as Dave deals with some health concerns

Creath & Ann Thorne as Ann is having health concerns

Sandy Rogers' friend, Terry Oldenberg, dealing with health concerns

Mike Barton recovering from surgery

Cathy Hammer

Judy Spencer, Beth Kar, Arlene Sollars, Barry Hall and **Rev. Kimi Yokoyama** receiving treatment for cancer.

Kayla Harris' mother, Robin Knotts, living with cancer

Friends and Family: Liz Canon; John Nichols, son of **Nancy Nichols**; Kathy Long & Kit Smith, friends of **Janet Pullen**

Homebound: Francis Hesnault, Bette Lampton

Global Ministries: Kenya

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Thank You for Your Faithfulness

How can we be of help to you? Just contact us and let us know. We are in this together!

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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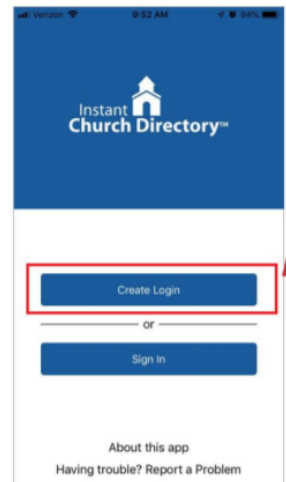
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