



Sunday December 19, 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: Ann Zarate

**Opening Song: "Hark the Herald Angles Sing"
by Joel Payne**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Mike & Carol Pittman

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 2:8-20: Ann Zarate

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Message: "Waiting for...Good News" Pastor Brian Kirk**Special Music: "Waiting for You" by The Many****Praying Together: Kenny Crawford, Elder****Offering Invitation**

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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:

CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 21— FCC Book Club, FCC Social Room 9:00am

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Online 7pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Condolences to the family of **Elaine McCool** as she has passed away

Prayers for **Beth Kar** as she is now in hospice care

Prayers for **Kim Potter** who is now home recovering after having a procedure

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 **Francis Hesnault** who is home recovering from a stay in the hospital

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, 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;

Homebound: Francis Hesnault, Bette Lampton

Global Ministries: Philippines

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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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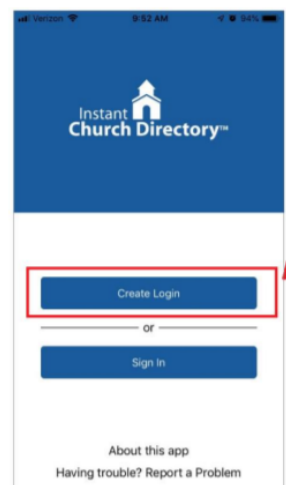
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