



Sunday December 5, 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: Barb Edwards

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 1:67-80: Mike Pittman

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

Praying Together: Barb Edwards

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 7— FCC Book Club, FCC Social Room 9:00am

Tuesday, December 7 – F-Troop and B-Attitudes women’s groups Christmas Party, 6pm FCC Social Hall. All women invited to attend!

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for **Sandy Hamlin’s** daughter, Heather Peterson, who will be having two surgeries in November

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**, living with cancer

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: Israel/Palestine

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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!

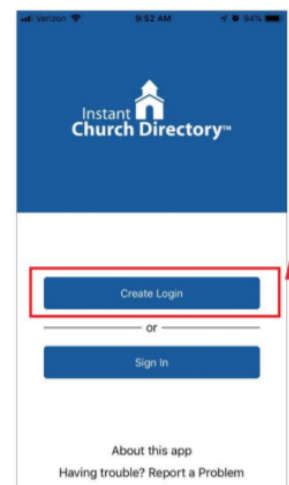
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