JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

December 22, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. The Chris Silver Bluegrass Trio is providing the music for today's service. There will be bagels and donuts along with coffee. Today, we will take an offering for the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists. They are seeking donations to help with a matching donor offer by year's end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON DECEMBER 29.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – A new members class will start in January. Dates to be announced. Please let the pastor know if you are interested.

Books are available for the January Sermon Series. 8 Habits of Love. There are copies in the library for $5.

NEW YEAR RETREAT - All Creation Waits / Sun Jan 12 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at Lake Hiawatha Community Center
Gayle Boss' book *"All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings"* contains reflections that capture in astonishing detail how animals prepare and make their way through winter. These animals illustrate the promise of a New Year during the thick of winter and the darkness of this political time. We will gather for quiet reflection, journaling/art prompts, and sharing in a beautiful room overlooking Lake Hiawatha and the setting sun. Email Carolyn at **ckolovitz@JudsonChurch.org** to register.

ONLINE PRAYER SERIES - Join our Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm on Monday, Jan 6. *The Welcoming Prayer is a method of accepting our physical and emotional reactions to situations and releasing our attachment to outcome.* Expect a brief intro, poem, time for prayer, and brief sharing. Total session no more than 30 minutes. Email Carolyn for the Zoom link at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** or if you have questions.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS - We'd love your help spreading the word to find a new Child Care staff person.

JUDSON CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME LEAD CHILD CARE PROVIDER. We're looking for someone to lead our youth in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment on Sunday mornings. They'll lead educational, mindfulness, character-building, and nature-based programming. The candidate needs to have experience caring for infants and children of all ages, with an emphasis on school-age children and must be at least 21 years of age. Prior classroom experience is strongly preferred. A full description of the role can be found in the announcements section of our website or via this link:
https://www.judsonchurch.org/childcare-provider/
We have some pretty amazing youth at Judson, so let's support them by sharing this opportunity among your networks!
If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeff O'Halloran at personnel@judsonchurch.org.



NEW CIRCLE FORMING – A new monthly Circle will be starting soon with in-person meeting days/times to be determined by the group. Circles practice deep listening with the intention of deepening community. And we laugh a lot! Email Carolyn to join at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** or if you have questions.

THIRD Second-Hour Session on Reparations, January 5, 11:00 am-noon, Ann Judson room.
We'll discuss the two areas for reparations, land theft from indigenous peoples and labor theft from enslaved peoples. We'll also share our personal stories and histories that bring us to this topic. You needn't have attended previous sessions to come. **The fourth session will be April 27**.

Directories: There are updated copies of the church directory available in hard copy or a pdf. Please contact the office if you would like a copy.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22 THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2025

Sunday-December 22
10 am **Bluegrass & Bagels**-Fellowship Hall
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Music: The Chris Silver Bluegrass Trio

Monday-December 23

Tuesday-December 24
8:45 pm **Prelude Music/ organ and violin –** Sanctuary
9:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service –** Sanctuary

Wednesday-December 25
Office Closed

Thursday-December 26
Office Closed

Friday-December 27
Office Closed

Saturday-December 28

Sunday-December 29
No Service Today

Monday-December 30

Tuesday-December 31

Wednesday-January 1
Office Closed

Thursday-January 2
7 pm **Mahjongg –** Ann Judson Room

Friday-January 3

Saturday-January 4

Sunday-January 5
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
11 am **Racial Justice –** Ann Judson Room



