

JUDSON

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH



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

February 11, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Today is the Day of the Transfiguration, a liminal day when humanity and divinity interact in a unique and miraculous way. I am sure if you take a moment or two of reflection, you will discover experiences of transfiguration throughout your life. This day is also the last Sunday before Lent; in New Orleans, it is Bacchus Sunday (the host krewe for the major evening parade). Here in Minneapolis at Judson Church, it is **Jazz + Empty Bowls Sunday**!! Sit back, enjoy this amazing jazz, then mosey downstairs for some amazing food and support a great cause.

The Oscar-themed Sermon Series starts on March 3 and ends on March 24th. Each sermon will look at a major theme prevalent in the movie for that Sunday. March 3rd "The Holdovers", March 10th "Killers of the Flower Moon", March 17th "Barbie + Oppenheimer", March 24th "American Fiction"

Baptism Class. Our first baptisms since COVID-19 will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. The four-week baptism class will start the week of April 15th. Please see the pastor if you are interested. This class is open to everyone.

New Members/Inquiries Class. If you are interested in joining Judson Church or learning more about Judson, please see the pastor or contact him at gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org for more information. Classes will take place on March 11 and 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through your generous donations during the offering, we collected \$357 to give to **Starfish Ministries** On Sunday, February 4. Thank you!

Donations from Loose Offerings

So far this fiscal year, [6-1-23 to 2-4-24] we have given away \$5,306 to various causes from our loose (cash) offerings each week. On the first and third Sundays, we give to Starfish and Joyce Food Shelves.	Starfish	\$2,532
	Joyce Food Shelves	\$ 528
	Shaw University Choir	\$ 325
	Meals on Wheels	\$ 575
	Planet Care Road Show	\$ 309
	Shapan Orphanage	<u>\$1,802</u>
	Total	\$5,306

We thank you for your generosity to these causes.

EASTER FLOWERS – You have the chance to make our Easter morning come alive with color. You can purchase tulips, mums, hydrangeas, or pansy bowls in memory of or in honor of someone you love and watch our Sanctuary bloom. Forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary as well as in this bulletin. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 3.**

LENTEN PRAYER SERIES

What is Prayer? Is prayer a conversation between us and God or a way of connecting with our own wisdom? Is there a difference between prayer and meditation? What does it mean to live each moment of our lives in continual prayer? In this online series, Carolyn Kolovitz will facilitate an exploration of these questions and a variety of prayer practices. During the first session, we'll hear the questions, ideas, and experiences of one another and then practice centering prayer. All sessions will be from 10:15 - 11:00 am via Zoom. Carolyn Kolovitz, Spiritual Formation Director.

Mar. 2 – What is Prayer? Centering Prayer

Mar. 16 – Visio Divina and Lectio Divina

Mar. 9 – The Welcome Prayer

Mar. 23 – Examen

To register, email ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org

THE FORWARD MARCH ONLINE AUCTION IS ONLY 4 WEEKS AWAY.

Your auction committee is working hard to pull off the best auction ever, and with your help, we can all make it a BIG success!! You should have received an email with two ways for you to enter your auction items or Great Gatherings information on the Betterworld online auction website. Also, **there are sign-up sheets at the back of the Sanctuary** for you to complete with potential items to donate and Great Gatherings offerings for the FORWARD MARCH auction on March 10-17.

If you would like to post your item or Great Gathering right away, click on the link below, which will take you to the Betterworld auction site, where you can enter your donation information right onto their website. (Note: When you click on the link below, you will need to type in the name of your donation in the blank space under "What Items Would You Be Willing To Donate." Then you can click on "Add to Offers," which will next have you create a login) Here's the link:

<https://judsonchurch.betterworld.org/donate-an-item>

In advance, here's a HUGE hug of gratitude,

On behalf of the March Forward Auction Team,

If you have questions contact Scott Simpson at startime7@gmail.com / 612-834-4547 or Brad Joern

at bradleyjoern@comcast.net / 612-581-7057

MEALS ON WHEELS - Did you know that we serve frozen meals to over 75 clients every week? We deliver those meals in handled paper bags and always need HANDLED paper bags. If you have anything to donate, please drop the bags off at Judson Church, 4101 Harriet Ave S. There is a yellow-covered bin by the red door where paper bags can be placed anytime. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Events coming up in February and March –

February 18 is AWAB (Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists) Sunday. Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson, the new full-time Executive Director, will be with us in worship. AWAB is the organization that advocates for all Baptist churches to be LGBTQIA+ churches.

March 10 Minneapolis Trombone Choir Concert 3 pm - Celebrate the 49th year of this annual concert at Judson. The music spans from classical to jazz, as well as pieces written for the choir by members of the choir itself. Jim ten Bensel is the director. The suggested donation is \$20 or pay-what-you-can. All proceeds go to the Judson Music Program.

Forward...March-Judson's Amazing Silent Auction March 10 to March 17. A message from the Auction Committee

A Huge thanks to everyone who participated in our brainstorming session in December! You gave us some great ideas, and some of you actually committed items. We are so appreciative!

March 17 Requiem Concert – written by Judson's very own Douglas Weatherhead, 3 pm. The "Requiem," written by our own Doug Weatherhead, will be presented for a third time on Sunday, March 17, 2024. It premiered on Sunday, November 1, 2009, as part of our Sunday morning service and then again on Sunday, November 13. It will be performed by the Judson Church Choir with Chamber Orchestra: John David De Haan, conductor--Pay-what-you-can (suggested \$20).
