JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

December 1, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We welcome Karen Thomas, our resident violinist, who will play throughout the service, and the choir. Travis will offer a Communion Homily, "Advent: The Season of the Second Chance. Ken Rowe will give a personal reflection, and Time with Children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRATITUDE: THANKSGIVING GIFTS TO JUDSON THROUGH DECEMBER 8

- Poster boards at the back of the sanctuary are full of reasons people are thankful for Judson Church. Look them over. Add another one.
- The "thermometer" indicates that we have surpassed our Thanksgiving Gift to Judson goal of $24,000, cutting this year's budget deficit in half.
- As planned, we will continue Thanksgiving Gifts to Judson (both Post-it notes and donations) through Sunday, December 8.
- Thank you for your expressions of gratitude, both written and financial.

Four Ways you can give.

1. With a Check-Thanksgiving Gift to Judson in the memo line.
2. With Cash – place cash in an envelope (located in the pews) and write for the Thanksgiving Gift to Judson on the outside.
3. At Vanco (electronic), click this link. **Vanco page** **Scan for page**
4. At Give to the Max – click this link to be taken right to the Judson page. **Give to the Max page** (anytime between now and December 8.

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Kathy & Wayne Urbaniak, Thanksgiving Gift to Judson Co-Chairs

Today, credit card donations can be made. See Eileen McLaughlin

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS - This Sunday, we will be exploring Christmas traditions around the world. Also, 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.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON DECEMBER 29.

SECOND SESSION ON REPARATIONS, DECEMBER 1, 11:00 am-noon, ANN JUDSON ROOM.
This session will focus on the role of the church and the history of the land where Judson now sits. Speakers will be Pastor Travis Norvell and Racial Justice team member Bruce Elliott. You do not need to have been at the first session to attend the rest of the series. All are welcome**. We need and welcome your input!**

STAR MAKING - On Sunday, December 1, right after worship, we will be making paper stars to decorate the altar. Stay and help and/or make one to take home. All materials will be supplied.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: THE MYSTICAL METAPHORS OF CHRISTMAS - A contemplative journey into the biblical stories, art, and music of the season to explore their rich archetypal, spiritual/mystical, and natural/seasonal layers of meaning. This meditative experience has become an annual tradition for some participants, a way of being fully present to the season while delving deeper into its mystery. All sessions are on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 11:15 am via Zoom. Recordings are available if you're unable to be present. Email CKolovitz@JudsonChurch.org to sign-up

Dec 7 The Annunciation: The Power to Say Yes
Dec 14 The Magi: Navigating Our Journey
Dec 21 The Nativity: Wonder & Awe

CARD-SIGNING AT JUDSON ON TUESDAY – The Congregational Care Committee is having another card-signing in the Ann Judson Room this coming Tuesday, December 3, at 11:00. All are invited to join us for an hour or so—or stop in for a few minutes—to sign cards to people who stay connected to Judson even though they are not able to attend regularly. Karen Burbie is bringing some Christmas cards, so we can send some early Christmas greetings; we can also use some of Shirley Doyle's beautiful cards, and we will have Judson notecards available. Card signing is always fun and a blessing.

ONLINE PRAYER SERIES - Join our Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm on Mon December 2. *The Welcoming Prayer is a method of accepting our physical and emotional reactions to situations and releasing our attachment to the outcome.* Expect a brief intro, poem, time for prayer, and brief sharing. Total session no more than 30 minutes. Email Carolyn at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** for the Zoom link or if you have questions.

NEW CIRCLE FORMING – New monthly Circle 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 sign up at **ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org** or if you have questions.

THE JUDSON CHURCH STRATEGIC ACTION PRIORITIES PLAN - is a six-month action plan based on the Bright Futures Forums from Summer 2024. Approximately 40 individuals have signed on to work on the actions! It is not too late - Please consider how you might contribute to Judson's Strategic Action Plan! Worksheets are in the back of the sanctuary - drop in green Menards bucket. ***We are counting on our Judson Community! Thank you.***

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday-December 1
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
First Sunday of Advent
Music: Karen Thomas-violin & Choir
Communion
11 am **Racial Justice –** Ann Judson Room

Monday-December 2
5 pm **Racial Justice –** Zoom

Tuesday-December 3
10 am **Staff Meeting –** Library
11 am **Congregation Care Meeting and Card Signing–** Ann Judson Room

Wednesday-December 4
7 pm **Choir Rehearsal**-Sanctuary

Thursday-December 5
2 pm **Racial/Climate Justice –** Library
7 pm **Mahjongg –** Ann Judson Room

Friday-December 6

Saturday-December 7

Sunday-December 8
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Second Sunday of Advent
Music: Judson Choir