ORDER of WORSHIP for Sunday, December 1, 2024, 9:30 am

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First Sunday of Advent

Chimes

Prelude "Emmanuel, Veni, Veni" Andrew Tessman
Karen Thomas, violin

Land Acknowledgement (responsive-page 3) led by Leslie Rapp

Welcome Travis Norvell

Call to Worship (responsive reading) led by Leslie Rapp

One: Here is the ember of hope: in a story passed on through the ages,
Many: In a love surpassing all loves, in a God who gives and gives and gives,
One: In the birth of a child
Many: Who is God,
One: Jesus of Nazareth, Emmanuel, God with us.
Many: An ember whose flame will kindle the world.

***Opening Hymn** #116 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel
vs. 1-3

First Lesson On the Mystery of the Incarnation by Denise Levertov
read by Leslie Rapp

Time with Children Travis Norvell

Choral Anthem "There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth" Felix Mendelssohn

Personal Reflection Ken Rowe

Prayers of the People Carolyn Kolovitz & Leslie Rapp

Pastoral Prayer Travis Norvell

Second Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Travis Norvell

Response: (page 4) "Glory to God" Glory to God

Call to Offering Travis Norvell

(QR Code to give)

Offertory (see page 7) "Star-Child" Star-Child
remain seated

Communion Homily Advent: The Season of the Second Chance Travis Norvell

***Doxology** Carol

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Amen

Communion

Announcements & Blessing Travis Norvell

Postlude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Gerald Near
Karen Thomas, violin

*Stand if you are able

We thank Karen Thomas for her gift of music this morning.

Bring Your Hopes, Bring Your Doubts, Feed Your Soul.



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Judson Church Land Acknowledgement

One: Place is more than just a piece of land. It is a piece of who we are. For too long, we have associated this place where Judson Church sits with our European/American roots, forgetting the people who called this place home for centuries before us.

All: **Mini-SO ta Mah-CO-cheh, Land where the Waters Reflect the Sky and specifically this part of the Twin Cities is the ancestral home of the Da CO tah wah-PEH-koo-tay people. It is home to their creation stories; it is where they hunted, fished, harvested, and cared for the land, raised families, celebrated life in community, and laid their loved ones to rest.**

One: We acknowledge that "we the people," our ancestors and governments, forcibly removed the wah-PEH-koo-tay from their ancestral lands through relocation, warfare, execution, imprisonment in concentration camps, starvation, disease, and forced assimilation. Treaties were made and subsequently broken by us. We remember and lament the history of this land.

All: Today we acknowledge and appreciate our Da CO tah, Anisha NAH-bay, and other Indigenous peoples as neighbors and fellow citizens. We commit to do better by our neighbors, to stand with them and to learn from them as we seek to create a community that sees the Creator's face in everything.

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Calendar for week

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 15 – Christmas Celebration
Join us on Sunday, December 15
December 22 – Bluegrass and Bagels
Join us on Sunday, December 22, at 10 am in Fellowship Hall
With The Chris Silver Bluegrass Trio
December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
Join us for our traditional Christmas Eve Service at 9 pm
Prelude with violin and organ at 8:45 pm
December 29– No Service

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



Special Announcements

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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

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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.

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!**

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.**



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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.

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REASONS WE ARE THANKFUL FOR JUDSON - We continue with our "Thanksgiving Gift to Judson." We are blessed when we express and share our appreciation of Judson Church. What is one reason you are thankful for Judson? Write down your reason on a Post-it note and add it to the poster board at the back of the sanctuary. If you have more than one reason--great, post a few more. This is a blessing.

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BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE JANUARY SERMON SERIES. "8 Habits of Love." There are copies in the library for $5.

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THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.

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



GRATITUDE: THANKSGIVING GIFTS TO JUDSON, THROUGH DECEMBER 8

- Poster boards in 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.

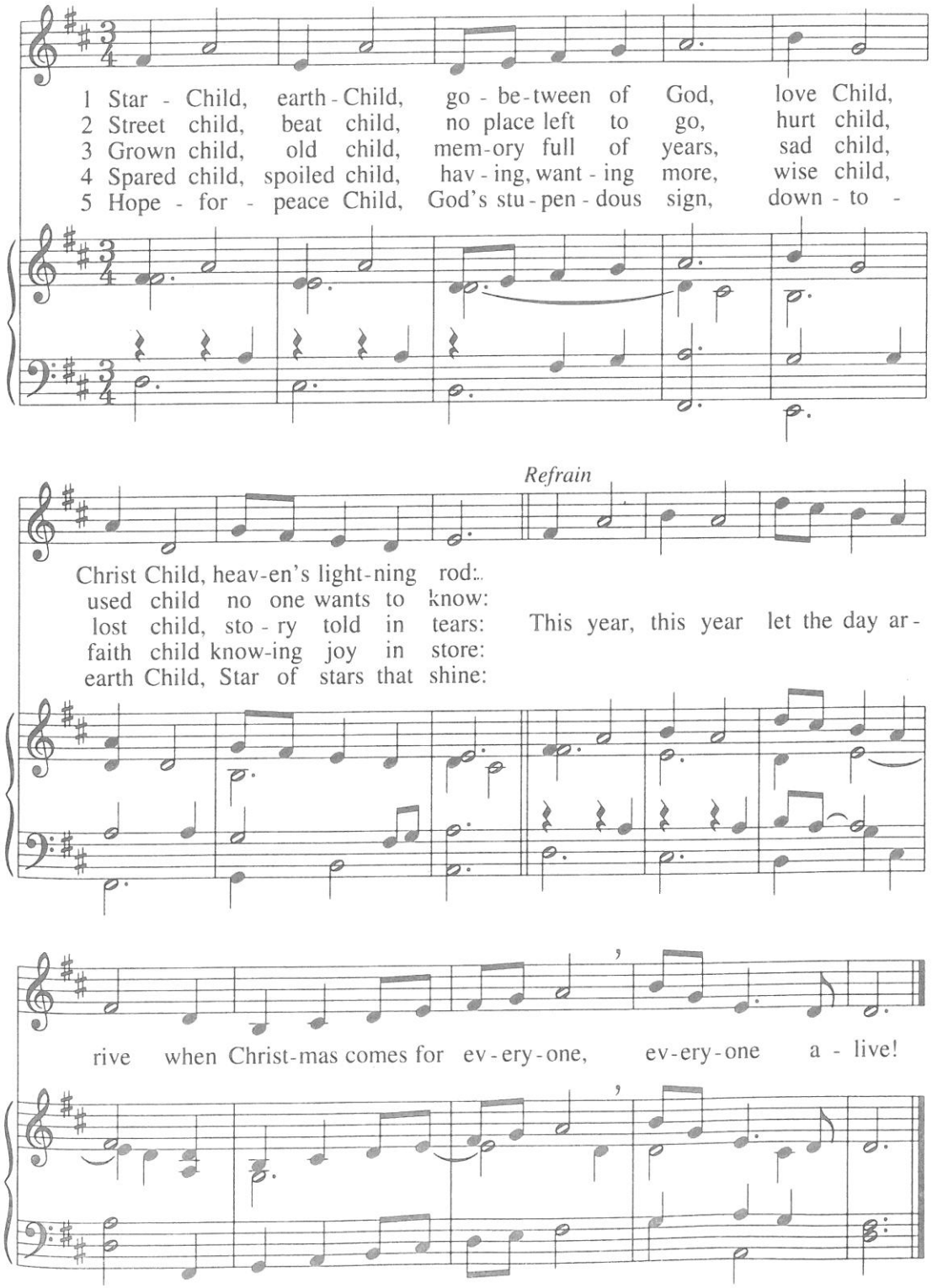
Four Ways you can give.

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). **Scan for page**

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

You will be able to give on Sunday by credit card also. Please see Eileen McLaughlin with questions.

Star-Child 223



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