ORDER of WORSHIP for Sunday, December 15, 2024, 9:30 am

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Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude "He Comes to Us as One Unknown" Graham Twist

Chimes

Land Acknowledgement (responsive-page 3) led by Déadra Moore

Welcome Travis Norvell

Call to Worship (responsive reading) led by Déadra Moore

One: Welcome to the dance.
Many: Welcome to the excitement of watching for God's coming.
One: Welcome to the joy of community.
Many: Welcome to the hope of healing.
One: Welcome to the peace that passes all understanding.
Many: Welcome to the love of a giving and generous God.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

***Opening Hymn** #122 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" Stuttgart

First Reading A Christmas Carol by Christina Rossetti
read by Déadra Moore

Choral Anthem "God is Hope" Rebecca Fair/arr. Joseph M. Martin

Judson's Christmas Playhouse:

"Don't Freak Out" by Katherine Willis Pershey
adapted for Judson

Hark the Herald Angels Sing #144/congregation-1st verse

"Mary, Mary" Doug Weatherhead
performed by Uncommon Denominators

"Awes & Wonders" by Dave Tippett

Prayers of the People Carolyn Kolovitz & Déadra Moore

Pastoral Prayer Travis Norvell

Response: (page 4) "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Bob McGee

Call to Offering Travis Norvell

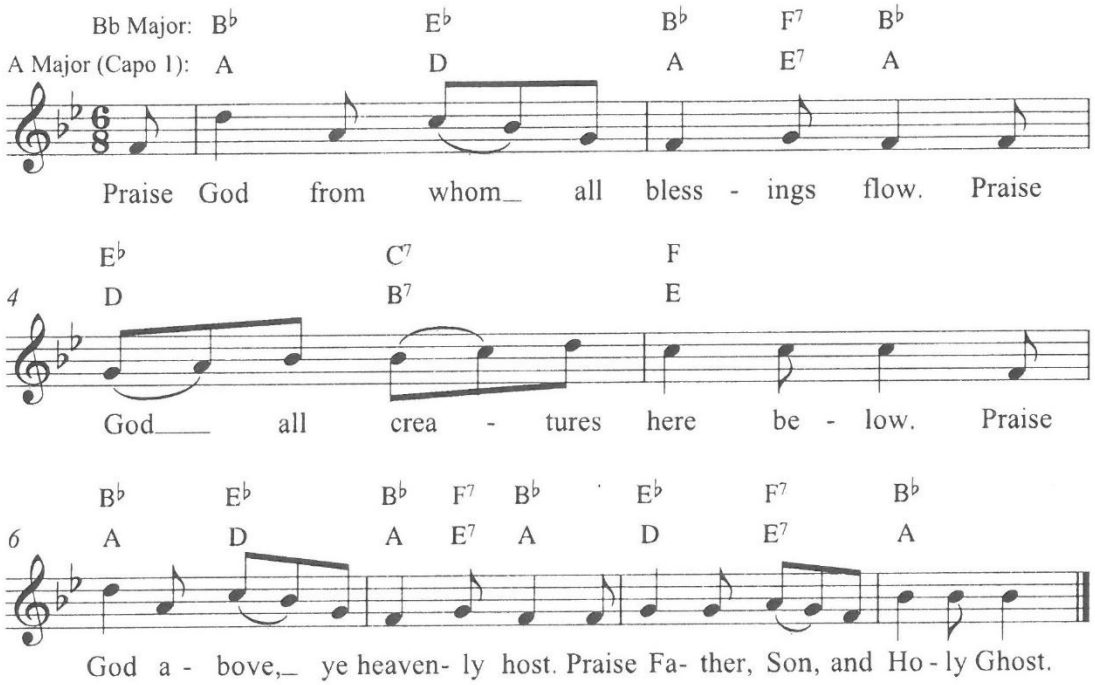
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Offertory #107 "Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn" Rejoice, Rejoice
remain seated

***Doxology** Carol

Doxology

For Advent or Christmas



Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

tune, *CAROL*
CMD

Text and tune adapted by Dean McIntyre, The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203-0003. Telephone 615-340-7073. Website http://www.umcworship.org. Email address: music@gbod.org. Text and tune are public domain.

Announcements & Blessing Travis Norvell

Postlude "Christmas Spirit" Van Johnson
Performed by Uncommon Denominators

*Stand if you are able

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We thank the following for their participation in the service today.

Uncommon Denominators: Bruce and Susan Elliot, Van Johnson and Doug Weatherhead

"Don't Freak Out" written by Katherine Willis Pershey/adapted for Judson

Cast: God – Dick Isenhart; Angel 1 – Rose Mason; Angel 2 – Susan Mason; Mary – Monica Lewis; Joseph – Clay Gustafson; Shepherds – Austin & Finn Mason

"Awes & Wonders" by Dave Tippett

Cast: Shepherds – Austin & Finn Mason
Charlie & Henry Mason – Stagehands and Extras

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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Calendar for week

Sunday-December 15
9:30 am **Worship Service**-Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Celebration
Music: Judson Choir, Van Johnson & Doug Weatherhead

Monday-December 16
2 pm **Women's Group –** Library
6 pm **Women's Group –** Library

Tuesday-December 17
10 am **Staff Meeting –** Library

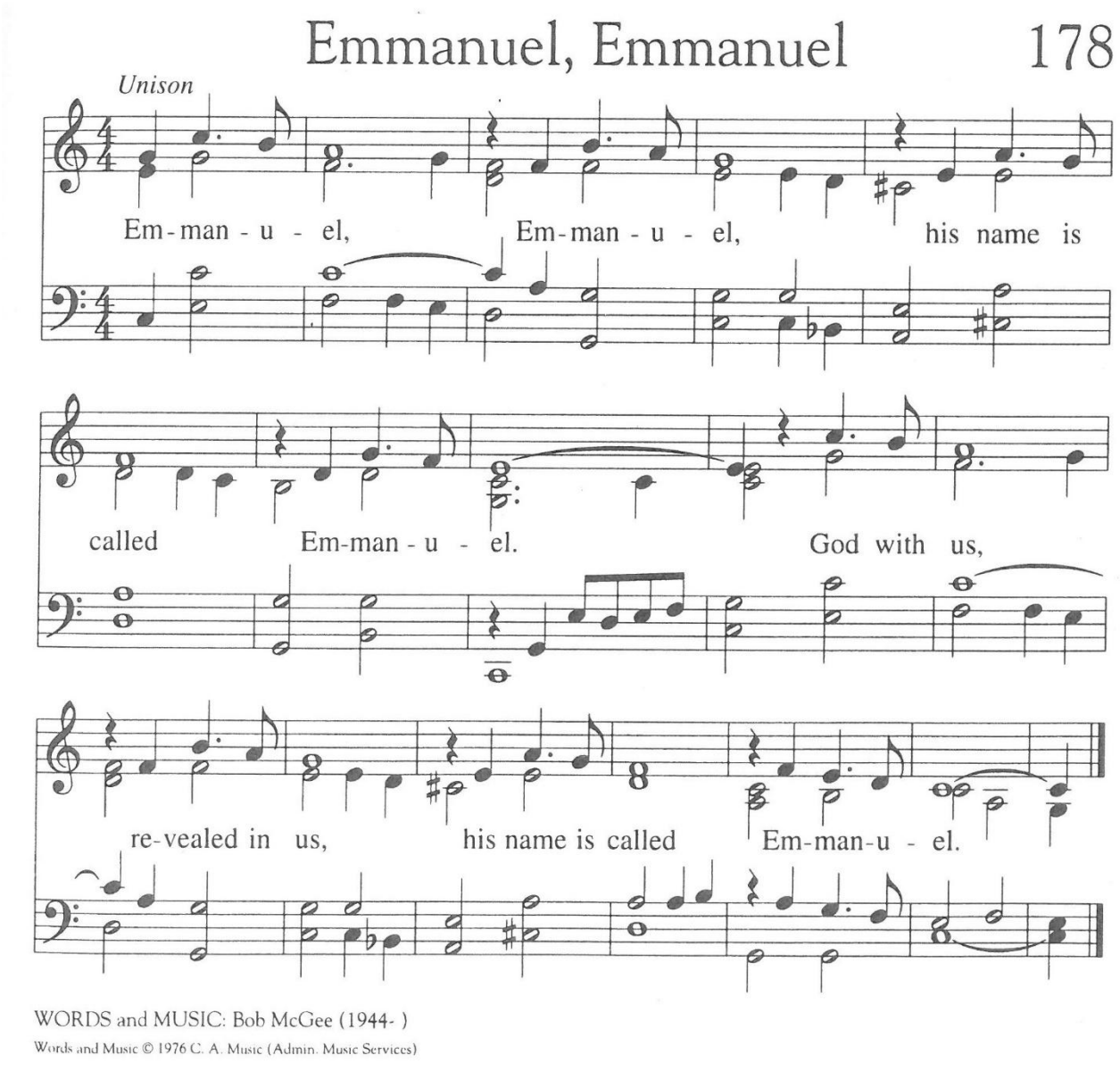
Wednesday-December 18
2 pm **Building Use Meeting**-Library
7 pm **Choir Rehearsal**-Sanctuary

Thursday-December 19
7 pm **Mahjongg –** Ann Judson Room

Friday-December 20

Saturday-December 21
9-12 pm **Cherner Event**-Ann Judson Room

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



WORDS and MUSIC: Bob McGee (1944-)

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Special Announcements

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ONLINE PRAYER SERIES - Join our Welcoming Prayer session at 7:15 pm on Mon 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.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS - 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 – 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.

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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.

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

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THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.

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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**.

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Judson Church invites
you to join us for
Bluegrass &
Bagels with
The Chris Silver Bluegrass Trio
featuring
Ari Silver & Brian Wicklund
Service on Sunday, December 22
10 am in the Fellowship Hall
judsonchurch.org


Judson Church invites
you to participate in
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Join us for an evening filled music,
readings, and candlelighting
Prelude Music at 8:45
with violin and organ
Dec 24 • 9 pm
4101 Harriet Ave , Minneapolis,
mn

CRAFT WORKSHOP: Victorian Puzzle Purses for Valentines' Day



Saturday, January 25
10:00 am to noon

Ann Judson room, Judson Church, 4101 Harriet

Cost: $5.00
All supplies furnished.

Register:
www. JudsonChurch.org
info@judsonchurch.org

The Victorians used these origami riddles as secret friendship tokens and love notes (one even appeared in the film Emma), while in Japan, they have been used as little storage containers. Learn the fascinating history, make your own puzzle purse, have a treat and go home with instructions so you can make more.

Hope to see you there: Pam, Cindy, Leslie, Susan

JUDSON
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