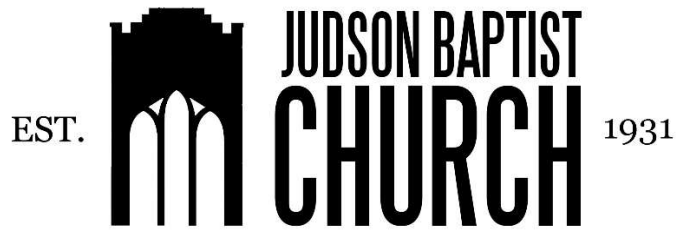


*Welcome to*



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December 22, 2024 ▪ Advent #4

*PRELUDE* “Joy to the World” *Valerie Marvin & Hajin Kim*

*Call to Worship* *Thomas Watson, Eph 3:19*

**Pastor:** He was poor that He might make us rich. He was born of a virgin that we might be born of God.

**People:** He took our flesh, that He might give us His Spirit.  
He lay in the manger, that we may lie in paradise.

**Pastor:** He came down from heaven, that He might bring us up to heaven . . .

**People:** That the Ancient of Days should be born; that He who thunders in the heavens should cry in the cradle; that He who rules the stars should nurse from the breast;

**Pastor:** That a virgin should conceive; that Christ should be made of a woman—and of a woman which He himself made—

**People:** that the branch should bear the vine, that the mother should be younger than the child she bare, and the child in the womb bigger than the mother;

**Pastor:** that the human nature should not be God, yet one with God—Christ taking flesh is a mystery we shall never fully understand till we come to heaven

**All:** If our hearts be not rocks, this love of Christ should move us. Behold love that surpasses knowledge!

*PRAYER of INVOCATION*

*SONG of ADORATION* “Angels (Glory to God)”

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains,

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x2)

*Glory to God! Glory to God!*  
*Glory to God in the highest, forever*  
*For all He has done, His unfailing love*  
*Glory to God in the highest, forever*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King,

Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x2)

*Glory to God! Glory to God...*

Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest  
Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest

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ADVENT READING

David and Katie Andrejczuk

*This week, we light the Candle of Love and read Matthew 1:18-24*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"*

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## *Confession & Assurance*

SONG of INVITATION "What Child Is This?" CH#281

PRAYER of CONFESSION *John Wesley*

**Pastor:** O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us.

**People:** **Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us, of you, our God.**

**Pastor:** O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption!

**People:** **That His precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that Your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls.**

**Pastor:** May He crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth.

**All:** **O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey its passions; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.◆**

## ASSURANCE of PARDON

*Hear these words of comfort, from Isaiah 9 and 53*

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one make many to be counted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

## Life of Worship

*SPECIAL MUSIC* "Ave Maria" Valerie Marvin & Hajin Kim

*PROFESSION of FAITH* 2nd London Baptist Confession

**Leader:** Church, let us confess together the mystery and glory of Christ's incarnation.

**People:** We believe and confess that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man for our salvation.

**Leader:** We believe, with all the church—visible and invisible—that:

**All:** The Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, being very and eternal God, the brightness of the Father's glory, of one substance and equal with Him, made the world, and upholds and governs all things He has made.

**Leader:** When the fullness of time had come, He took upon Himself man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities of it, yet without sin

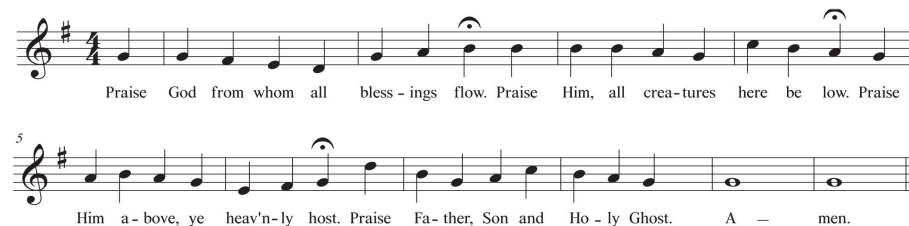
**People:** He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary and born of her, being of her substance.

**Leader:** This union of divine and human natures in one person was necessary that He might be our perfect Mediator, reconciling God and man.

**People:** As God, He bore the full weight of divine wrath and rendered perfect obedience to the law. As man, He suffered and died in our place, making full atonement for our sins. Amen. ♦

## OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him, all crea - tures here be low. Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### PRAYER of DEDICATION

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### PASSING of the PEACE

(Children age 3 through grade 5 may go to Judson Kids.)

### PRAYER of INTERCESSION

## Ministry of the Word

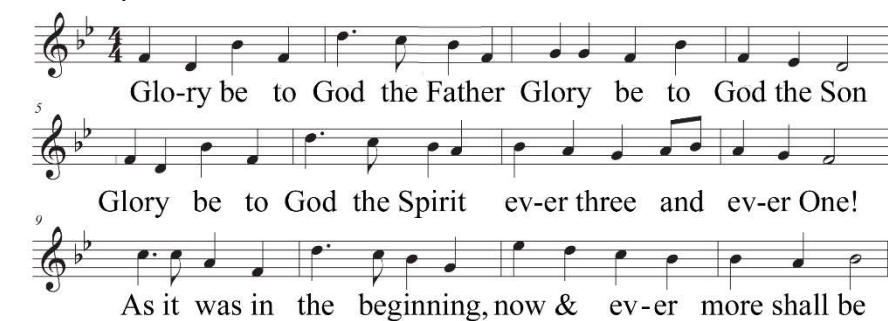
### PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-6 (p.707)

### SERMON "'Tis the Season of Receiving"

### SONG of RESPONSE



Glo-ry be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit ev-er three and ev-er One!  
As it was in the beginning, now & ev-er more shall be

### BENEDICTION

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*This Week's Sermon*

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Christmas is the season of Giving. Everybody knows that. We work hard to make sure that even kids asking Santa for pokemon swag don't think of the holiday as particularly a time for *getting*, but for *giving*. But what if I told you that, from before the foundation of the world, God had envisioned Christmas as a season of receiving?

*First Time at Judson?*

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*Welcome Card*

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If you would like to get connected with our church, or learn more about us, a good place to start is by scanning the QR code below and filling out the welcome card. (Ask an usher if you would like a paper card to fill out.)



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**Christmas:**  
the Son of God  
expressing the love of  
God, to save us from  
the wrath of God, so  
we could enjoy the  
presence of God.

**-JOHN PIPER**

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*Giving at Judson*

We give as part of our service as an act of worship and thanksgiving. If you would like to give online, please reference one of the cards in the friendship pad.

**Nov Budget:** \$13,252

**Nov Giving:** \$11,880

**YTD Budget:** \$145,776

**YTD Giving:** \$137,464

**YTD Income:** \$150,464

(as of 11/30)

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*Announcements*

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Please sure to sign the red **friendship pad** at the end of the row. Indicate if you are not receiving emails and would like to.

Our **Christmas Eve Service** will be Tuesday night at 7pm. This is a warm and wonderful time of music, Scripture, and candlelight. Bring a friend this year!

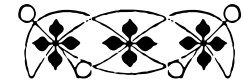
Please bring your **poinsettias** home after the Christmas Eve service. Those that remain after 12/29 will be gifted to homebound members.

All annual reports (from chairs of committees, officers, ministries, etc.) are due by January 8. Please hand or e-mail yours to Pastor Zach.

Starting at 6pm on the evening of Wednesday, January 1, we will be having dinner at Judson, followed by a **prayer meeting**, on the first Wednesday of every month.



*This Week at Judson*



**TONIGHT**

**400pm** Iglesia Restauración  
*No Men's or Women's Group*

**MONDAY**

*Church office closed*

**TUESDAY - Christmas Eve**

**9am-2pm** Church Office Open

**700pm** Christmas Eve Service

**WEDNESDAY – Christmas Day**

*Church office closed*

**THURSDAY**

*Church office closed*

**FRIDAY**

**9am-2pm** Church Office Open

**630pm** Iglesia Restauración

**SATURDAY**

*Church Office Closed*

**SUNDAY**

**930am** Sunday School

**1030am** Coffee Fellowship

Swahili Service

**1100am** Judson Worship

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