November 30, 2025 • Advent #1

# Call to Worship

**PRELUDE** 

RESPONSIVE CALL

From Psalm 24

**Pastor**: The world and all in it are Gods;

all people's of the earth

People: For it was founded by the LORD

Upon the seas beneath.

Pastor: You ancient gates, lift up your heads;

you doors, be opened wide—

People: So the King of Glory may come forever to abide.

**Pastor:** But who is this exalted King?

What glorious King is he?

All: An infant, wrapped in swaddling clothes

and lying in a manger.

Come, let us worship our King. ◆



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

Gloria! Gloria! Glory to God in the highest (x2)

This week, we light the Candle of Hope and read from Isaiah 9.

The people now living in darkness will see a great light! They are now living in a very dark land, but a light will shine on them.

A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us.

And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG of RESPONSE "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #7

#769



# Confession and Assurance

READING of GOD'S LAW

Hear God's Law, His Will for Your Life, from Matthew 22:37-40

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God,

Unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
And from whom no secrets are hidden—
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy name;

Amen.◆

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Hear these words of comfort from Joel 2:12-13:

and he relents over disaster.

through Christ our Lord.

"Yet even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

Friends in Christ, our Lord did not sit in the heavens and consign us to hell for our sins; rather, he came down to us, took on flesh, and saved us, because of his unfathomable love for us. Let all mortal flesh keep silence and know that He is God, He is good, He is Love, and he will go to any ends to save us from our sins.

Amen.◆

SONG of RESPONSE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #719

# Life of Worship

PROFESSION of FAITH

2<sup>nd</sup> London Baptist Confession

**Leader:** In the fullness of time, the eternal Son of God (of one substance and co-equal with the Father) took upon Himself our nature.

People: We confess that the Son truly became man, yet without ceasing to be God.

**Leader:** He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and was born into our sin-cursed world.

People: We confess that He took upon Himself a true body and a reasonable soul.

**Leader:** The Son did not merely appear human, nor was He a mixture of divine and human essence.

People: We confess that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures—divine and human—were united in one person, the only Mediator between God and man.

**Leader:** Let us behold His glory: the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward those on whom His favor rests!

Amen!

*MOMENT for MISSIONS* 

**OFFERING** 

**DOXOLOGY** 

PRAYER of DEDICATION

#### CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

## O3. How do we know there is a God?

A. We know there is a God by the light of nature in us and the works of God all around us (which clearly declare that there is a God) . . . but to truly know Him and be saved by Him, we must see him revealed by His Word and His Spirit.

# PASSING of the PEACE

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

PRAYER of INTERCESSION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. ◆



#### Prayer List

James Macklin, Sr. (Jim Macklin's father) – Praise! He is home from the hospital and doing much better!.

**Peter Wynkoop** (brother of Linda Oswald) – Praise and continued prayer; recovering after fall.

# Family of Giles O'Connor (Karen O'Connor's exhusband), who died last week.

Alex Pulice - Had to have emergency dental surgery this week. Prayer for continued recovery.

**Bazil** (Ron Fuller's son), had emergency heart surgery this week (20 years old).

**David Andrejczuk -** Having gall bladder surgery on 12/16.

**Penny** (friend of the Voss family) - Has non-Hodgkins Lymphoma; is not doing well.

#### LAY LEADERS

Nov Chinagorom Nwatu

**Dec** Sean Douglas

Jan Richie Chester

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

#### **NURSERY**

12/7 \*Please Sign Up

12/14 Alex

12/21 Nic & Mindy

12/28 Connie & Sam

#### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

12/7 Tina

12/14 Erin

12/21 Beth W

#### 2nd HOUR KIDS

11/30 Grace

12/7 Kids Stay In Service

12/14 \*\*Please Sign Up

12/21 \*\*Please Sign Up

# Donna Swindlehurst -Possible blood cancer

Possible blood cance (undergoing tests)

Margaret Power - Fell, and was hospitalized. Is in Medilodge for rehab.

Robert (Michelle Dougherty's father) -Guidance in some stressful professional decisions.

**Patty Jo Buck** – Kidney issues.

All those in authority over us, this week praying for the **State Supreme Court** of Michigan.

Those in our communities struggling with loneliness and lack of connection

Our **Elders**, this week praying particularly for **Beth Whittington**.

The **Love Clothing Center** & Christian Services.

The congregations we host, praying this week particularly for **Evangelical Baptist Church**.

Our region staff, praying this week for **Rev. Dr. Brian Johson,** our executive minister.

Ministers and staff at **International Ministries**, as they equip and support our foreign missionaries.

All of our **ABC-Michigan** churches (this week, praying particularly for **First Baptist Church of Holly**).

All local Gospel-preaching churches (this week, praying particularly for **Word of Life** in Grand Ledge.)



<sup>\*</sup> Nursery signup sheet is in the nursery

<sup>\*\*</sup> Fellowship Time and 2nd Hour signup sheets are in the church library.

# Ministry of the Word

SONG "Joy Has Dawned"

#762

PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

Ambrose

Merciful Lord, the comforter and teacher of Your faithful people, enable us to understand the depth of Your promises, that all of Your adopted sons and daughters may even now behold, with the eyes of faith, and patiently wait for, the light which as yet you do not openly manifest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** •

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:1-4

p. 926

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us;

with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,

who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me

one who is to be ruler in Israel,

whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labor has given birth;

then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

SERMON

"Everlasting"

Pastor Zach

SONG of DEPARTURE

"Glory Be to God the Father" #333

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE

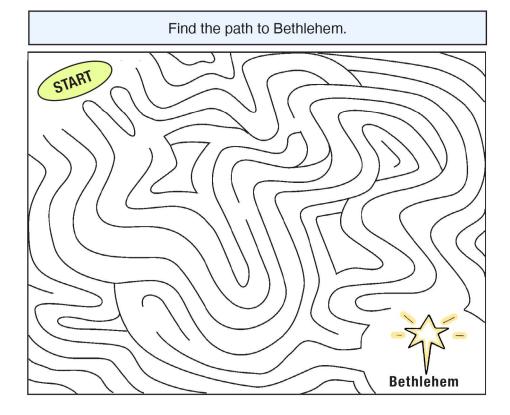


Ages 7+

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The Lord spoke about a Ruler who would come from Bethlehem:



"Though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me a ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

#### This Week's Sermon

We all know that the Old Testament contains a prophecy that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. But what is the significance of that town? What happened there before Jesus was born, and why was it the perfect place to welcome our Savior?

#### Welcome Card

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.)





"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes, and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent

# - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

# 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.

Oct Budget: \$14,119 Oct Giving: \$12,443

YTD Budget: \$141,191 YTD Giving: \$132,008 YTD Income: \$138.508

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#### Announcements

Please be sure to **sign the red friendship pad** at the end of your row, and pass it back to the middle when done.

This Wednesday is our December **Dinner & Devotion**. Please sign up if you plan to attend, and let pastor Zach know if you can bring something to contribute to dinner.

Thanks to everyone who stayed after church last week, to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas!

Please note: our **Annual Meeting** will be after service on Sunday, December 14. It is important to have a quorum so we can pass a budget, etc.

**Order forms for Christmas flowers** are in the red friendship pads. All orders are due by next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.



## This Week at Judson



#### **TODAY**

400pm

Iglesia Restauración

530pm

Men's Group

Women's Bible Study

#### **MONDAY**

Church office closed

#### **TUESDAY**

10am-2pm Church Office Open

#### **WEDNESDAY**

10am-2pm Church Office Open10am Love Clothing Center530pm Dinner & Devotion

#### **THURSDAY**

10am-2pm Church Office Open

#### **FRIDAY**

10am-1pm Church Office Open

#### **SATURDAY**

**9am-2pm** Love Clothing Center Church Office Closed

#### **SUNDAY**

930am 1030am Sunday School Coffee Fellowship

Swahili Service

1100am

Judson Worship