WE'RE SO GLAD YOU JOINED US TODAY!

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship at St. John's United Methodist Church.

You are welcome and celebrated in this faith community!
If you are a first time attendee or a long-time member;
If you are black, brown, white or anything in between;
If you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender;
If you are a Native American or an immigrant friend;
If you are male or female, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor;
No matter what you believe or doubt;
No matter where you are on life's journey;
You are a gift of the Creator God. Together, we are family of God,
because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.

St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity and welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

We welcome children and enjoy their participation in all aspects of congregational life. For caregivers of small children, a changing table is available in the front bathroom and the library is open if you need a quiet place to tend to your little one. A nursery with certified workers is available for infants through age 5 at the southeast corner of the building if you need respite. Ushers will be glad to direct you to any of these resources.

Meet Our Staff.

To contact a member of our staff please call 806-762-0123, visit us online, or send us an email at openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

Rev. Josh Stueve
Senior Pastor

Rev. Ann Akin
Associate Pastor

Dr. Alan Zabriskie
Director of Music Ministries

Clint Barrick
Organist

David Cranford
Facilities Manager

John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Kyle Collins
Director of Communications

Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Ceiling Painting for St. Bede's Cathedral
Peter Koenig

St. Bede's Catholic Church was designed in the 1840s by a prominent local architect in Newport Pagnell, Richard Sheppard, and was originally built in 1847 as a police station and courtroom.

The building had become a Temperance Hall by 1881. Ten years later, it was a Mission Hall run by the Plymouth Brethren in 1891. It was taken over by the Baptists in 1915.

It was later used as a paper bag factory and was unused for awhile before being acquired as a Catholic Mass center in 1953.

The central oval ceiling painting by Peter Koenig shows Christ the Fisherman and features Newport Pagnell's famous cast iron bridge at Tickford in the background. The carved timber pulpit in the upper church and the tabernacle plinth in the weekday chapel are also by Peter Koenig. There are some stained glass panels, screwed to the window frames, while leaving the sash windows *in situ.*

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members:
St. John's Homebound
Jane Haynes
Bob & Donna Albin

Friends and Family:
Food Voucher Clients
Those affected by COVID-19
Lee Edwards
Dolly Shuey

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 22

10:30 a.m.

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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
O Love Unknown — John Ireland (1879-1962)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 27) — Dave Andersen
God is our light and our salvation!
Why should we be afraid?
God is the stronghold of our life!
What have we to fear?
Let us shout with joy to God!
Let us sing and make music before our God.

*Hymn No. 579 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here — CAREY'S (SURREY)

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Ann Akin
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers.

Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Act of Praise — Abbi Hobbs, mezzo soprano
Consider the Lilies — Robert Topliff

Is not the life more than meat and
the body than raiment;
Behold! the fowls of the air,
for they sow not,
neither do they reap nor
gather into barns;
yet your Heavenly
Father feedeth them.

Consider the lilies of the field
how they grow they toil not
neither do they spin they toil not
neither do they spin
And yet I say unto you I say
unto you that even Solomon
in all his glory

Was not arrayed like one of these
Consider the lillies how they grow
Consider the lillies how they grow
they toil not, they toil not,
neither do they spin,
yet I say unto you,
Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed,
was not arrayed, like one of these
was not arrayed, was not arrayed like
one of these,
and yet I say unto you,
Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed, was not arrayed,
was not arrayed like one of these
like one of these, like one of these.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination — Dave Andersen
Holy One, our light and our salvation,
open our ears to listen for your calling.
Open our hearts to welcome your love. Amen.

**You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*
***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 4: 12-23, p.3-4, N.T.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A Time for Young Disciples — Pam Edwards
Hymn No. 707 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymn of Promise — PROMISE

As the children come forward
1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

As the children depart
3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

THANKSGIVING

Affirmation of Faith No. 886 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The World Methodist Social Affirmation — Rev. Ann Akin

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 585 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
This Little Light of Mine — LATTIMER

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said — arr. Howard Helvey

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross
with willing heart,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross;
let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall
bear your spirit up
And brace your heart,
and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross,
heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

Take up your cross,
then in his strength,
And calmly ev'ry danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

Take up your cross,
and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only they who bear the cross
May hope to wear
the glorious crown.

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts, p. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members — Rev. Josh Stueve
We rejoice to welcome you as members of
Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome
to St. John's United Methodist Church.
With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

*Hymn of Faith, No. 173 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies — RATISBON

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
Jesus Christ, the light of the world, calls us to follow.
Go and tell the news of God's love.
Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God.
Go forth and shine with God's light!
May God - Source, Word, and Spirit -
bless you with the radiance of love.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Variations on a Dutch Melody — Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Altar flowers this morning are given by
Margie Sorley in memory
of her parents ' anniversary.

Chili Cook-Off
Save the date and plan to attend the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room! Awards and prizes will be handed out to winners in special categories such as meatless, spicy, and surprise ingredient. A signup list can be found in the hallway on Sunday mornings.