

**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 *Contemporary Justice & Child* Symeon Shimin

Symeon Shimin, noted artist and illustrator of children's books, was born in Astrakhan, Russia on the Caspian Sea in 1902. His family immigrated to the United States ten years later.



Already interested in drawing for a living, he apprenticed himself to a commercial artist at age 16 to help support his family. He attended art classes at Cooper Union Art School at night.

Early in his career, Shimin painted large scale posters for Hollywood films, including creating the original poster for the film *Gone With the Wind*. In 1936 he was awarded a contract by the Public Works Arts Project to paint a mural, *Contemporary Justice and The Child*, in the Department of Justice building in Washington, D.C. It took four years to complete, has received wide acclaim, and can still be seen today.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Disciples Bible Study
Mary Vines
Jane Haynes
Gary Cunningham
Francine Nizigiyimana
(Welcome Corps Sponsor)
Lily Pierce
(Craig & Norma's Granddaughter)

WAYS TO GIVE



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 12

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude Clint Barrick
Air George Friederich Handel (1685-1759)

*Call to Worship Alec Cattell

God of love, we come with our hearts open to meet you.

We rejoice at your love and faithfulness.

Loving Christ, we come to be part of your celebration.

We want to be part of your community of joy.

Holy Spirit, we want to reflect the radiance of your love.

May the light of your joy and love shine in us, in all we do. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 62 v. 1-3 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Prayer for Illumination Alec Cattell

**God may the oil of your love fill the lamp of my heart,
that I may share your light with joy.**

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13, p. 28, N.T. Alec Cattell

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Time for Young Disciples Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 585 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
This Little Light of Mine LATTIMER

As the children arrive:

1. *This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
(let it shine)*

As the children depart:

2. *Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine.
(let it shine)*

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 Gabriela Nord, soprano; Joel Nord, piano
The Goodness of God CPE Bach

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Alec Cattell

Let us respond to scripture with this prayer of response.

Jesus Christ, light of God, shine in us.

May the oil of your peace fill our hearts.

May the lamp of your grace lead our steps.

May the light of your love shine in our lives.

May we be a source of light for others

who wait for you in the dark.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 97 v. 1 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
For the Fruits of This Creation EAST ACKLAM

As congregations come forward:

For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;

For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir

Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 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. Ann Akin

**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. 396 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL'S STORY

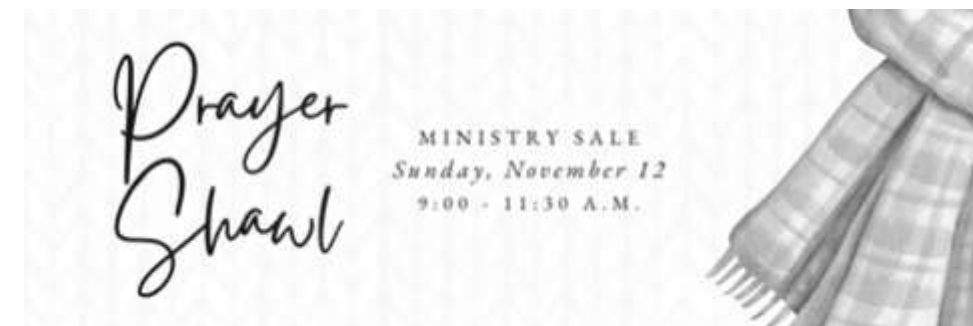
Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Strengthen us by your grace to share all that we have for the sake of the healing of the world, to increase your joy, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Clint Barrick
Prelude in Bb major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Wesley Orr in memory of
Margaret Norcross, Sandy Norcross, and Melissa Ferguson.*



Prayer Shawl Ministry Sale Today

Support the Prayer Shawl ministry at St. John's today by purchasing a few unique handmade items in the hallway.

PFLAG Meeting on Tuesday

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will hold its monthly meeting at St. John's on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Charge Conference Next Month

Save the date for Charge Conference on Sunday, December 3 after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also stuff gift bags for homebound members as part of our homebound ministry.

Raider Red's Food Pantry Update

Last month, Raider Red's Food Pantry at TTU reached out to St. John's for help providing food and basic hygiene items. The numbers are in with St. John's donating 436 lbs. of food. Thank you for helping St. John's support the Lubbock community.

A Reception for Francine

Join St. John's in welcoming Francine Nizigiyimana to the U.S. and Lubbock at a reception in her honor on Sunday, December 10 during the 10:00—10:30 a.m. fellowship time.

Bake Sale Next Sunday

United Women in Faith is holding its annual Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19.

If you are willing to bake something for the bake sale, please bring items to the church between 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Proceeds from the sales go towards UWF Mission Giving.



BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



United
Women
in Faith

*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.