

**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

Be Joyful

Susan Murtaugh

I think my biggest accomplishment to date has been being "Artist in Residence" for the Manitowoc Public Schools this year. I had 16 sessions with 6th graders and 2 sessions with advanced High School Students in the baccalaureate program. I did a 3-stage presentation, the first being a Keynote presentation designed entirely on the iPad. They are far more savvy than I was at the introduction of the Mac back in 1984.

I think we're on the cusp of another technological growth spurt. The way we compute is changing again, and how we invent and master new ways of expressing ourselves is happening right now, we are part of it and we are taking charge of the way we would like to see our future unfold. I love being part of such a passionate community, one that is even closer to those that develop the apps and software. We all have a vested interest in it and with that comes the excitement of doing things different and better each day.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Disciples Bible Study

Mary Vines

Jane Haynes

The Family of Gary Cunningham

Francine Nizigiyimana

(Welcome Corps Sponsor)

Lily Pierce

(Craig & Norma's Granddaughter)

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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday, November 26

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
Prelude in G major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship Abigale Hobbs
Creator God, you reign over all the universe with love and justice.
Glory! We thank you with love.
Christ, you reign over all human history with mercy and grace.
Glory! We thank you with love.
Holy Spirit, you reign in our hearts with beauty and power.
Glory! We thank you with love. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 327 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Prayer for Illumination Abigale Hobbs
Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do to each other, we do to you. Make us quick to help and slow to hurt, knowing that in our neighbor it is you who receive our love or our neglect. As we listen for a word from you, shape us by your love, and fit us for your realm of grace. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 95: 1-7, p. 550 Abigale Hobbs

Poetry for Reflection Rev. Ann Akin
The Least of These

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46, p. 29, N.T. Abigale Hobbs
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A Time for Young Disciples Pam Edwards
Hymn No. 694 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

As the children arrive:
*1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.*

As the children depart:
*2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

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 Sara Yancey, soprano

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 273 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir

*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. 117 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
Go, now, giving thanks for all that God has done and all that God is doing in your life, in this community, and in the world. May we be surprised by grace as gratitude opens us to recognize God's abundant provision all around us. Amen.

Postlude Clint Barrick
Grand Jeu Pierre DuMage (1674-1851)



Texas Tech University Annual Carol Concert

Join St. John's for a magical evening of music and holiday cheer at the Texas Tech University annual Carol Concert! The concert will be held at St. John's on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. To buy tickets, call the Select-a-Seat Box Office at 806-770-2000, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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.

After the 10:30 a.m. service we will gather in the Garden Room for a soup lunch. All are encouraged to sign up to bring a crockpot of soup, crackers, cornbread, toppings, or desserts. A sign up sheet is located in the Garden Room.

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.

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