

**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](mailto: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

*Scene from Nashville Civil Rights Protests*  
Jean & Alexander Heard Library

James Lawson's active involvement in providing workshops on non-violence and his continual participation and support of the sit-in movements during the early months of 1960 led to his expulsion from Vanderbilt University. On March 3, 1960, James Lawson was officially dismissed from Vanderbilt. The Chancellor of Vanderbilt during that time, Harvie Branscomb, argued "Mr. Lawson was asked to withdraw not because of his commitment to an active program of civil disobedience. Vanderbilt University stands on the principle that racial progress in the South must be based on obedience to law."

Lawson's expulsion marked a significant event in the life of Vanderbilt University and, generally, in the south. In response, nine Vanderbilt Divinity faculty members handed in their resignation; four medical faculty joined in the Divinity School's protest in the unfair treatment of Lawson by doing the same.

### 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)*

## WAYS TO GIVE



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

# Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 19

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  
*Praise to God* William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)  
*Whence All Our Blessings Flow*

\*Call to Worship Greg Carley

As we prepare to gather at Thanksgiving tables,  
today we gather at the Lord's table.

### Thanks be to God.

Hear this invitation: *Christ our Lord invites to the Lord's table  
all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.*

**Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 62 v. 1, 4-7 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Litany for Thanksgiving based on Psalm 100 Greg Carley

### Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We give thanks for this good earth, your gift to us and our home,  
and we pray for wisdom and gentleness to care for your creation, O God.

### Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

We gather with grateful hearts, remembering your mercy and strength,  
your justice and your compassion, your goodness and your grace.

### Know that the Lord is God.

May we live what we know of you and strive for what you seek, O God.

### We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

In humility we pray for the entire human family,  
remembering those in need, and all who are alone,  
dishonored or excluded.

### Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

Move us through thanksgiving and praise to action.

Use us to heal wherever there is violence and harm.

### Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

May we embrace your just purpose, O God,  
and offer ourselves in prophetic witness.

### For the Lord is good;

We pray for your goodness to flow outward, flooding this world with love.

### God's steadfast love endures forever,

We pray for your loving purpose in every life this day  
and into the days to come.

### And God's faithfulness to all generations.

A Time for Young Disciples VelvetLee Finckbone  
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.*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance | The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin  
The grace of God is with you.

### And also with you.

Trusting in God's tender mercy, we open ourselves in honesty to God.

### We confess our sin; we confess our need for God's grace and mercy.

For letting fear and anger guide us, for all selfish thoughts,

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

For our wounds and weakness, for our sorrow and despair,

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

For our divisions as a nation, for judging

and excluding whole groups of people,

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

For those whom we blame and judge, for the sake of their wholeness,

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

For hope in the face of despair, for courage in the face of injustice,

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who healed the sick,

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

Forgive us, God, in your mercy.

### Show us your mercy and grace, O God.

**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 tres-  
pass 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 Bryce Taylor  
*How Great Thou Art* arr. Lloyd Larson

\*Gospel Reading - Luke 17: 11-19, p. 80, N.T. Greg Carley  
The word of God for the people of God.

### Thanks be to God.

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir

Communion Homily Rev. Josh Stueve

## THANKSGIVING

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.  
You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to  
the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup  
by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread,  
hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)

When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the  
side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar,  
please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat.  
Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

*All people gathered to worship God are invited  
to receive the bread and the cup.*

Communion Stewards: Sarah Nuckolls & Marcy Stueve

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion  
Hymn No. 617 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

Hymn. No. 614 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* FOR THE BREAD

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion Rev. Ann Akin

\*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. 92 v. 1-2, 4, 6 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve  
You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace. Know the God  
of peace goes with you.

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Prelude in D minor* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please be seated for the Postlude*



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

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

\*\*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.