

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

Christ Overturns the Tables of the Moneylenders Peter Koenig

Peter Koenig is a Catholic artist whose goal in life is "to paint the drama, romance and poetry of the sacred book"

In this modern representation of the cleansing of the temple, Jesus holds a whip as he drives away the sheep being sold for sacrifices. The doves

have been released and are chaotically flying around above the people, whose expressions are mixtures of shock, horror, irritation, and anger. Jesus has turned over the tables and money is scattering all around the moneylenders. This painting inspires viewers to reconsider what it means to be a church in today's society. Should the church be a place of profit (a den of thieves) or should it use its resources for the good of people? Should it exploit the needy or should it help them? Should the church be an exploitative economic institution or one devoted to alleviating the suffering of all oppressed peoples?

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound Disciples Bible Study

Jane Haynes

Leslie Cox

Unnamed Friend of the Congregation

Francine Nizigiyimana

(Welcome Corps Sponsor)

Nimo Gessey

(Welcome Corps Sponsor)

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The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 3 10:30 a.m.



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ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Spirit Wind Down in the River to Pray Ken Medema

*Call to Worship Greg Brookes

We stand in the temple of the universe, the holy place where God dwells.

We worship in awe and gratitude.

We gather in the temple of the Body of Christ,

where God is lovingly present for us.

We worship in love and peace.

Our own bodies are temples of God, where the Spirit works miracles.

We worship in humility, with open hearts.

Grant us forgiveness and life, and receive our gifts.

*Hymn No. 660 The United Methodist Hymnal God is Here ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ann Akin

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 Greg Brookes, baritone
On the Other Shore arr. Steven Mark Kohn

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Greg Brookes

Holy God
whose only law is love,
cleanse the temple of my heart
of all I think I must do
for you to love me,
and of all that keeps me
from loving freely.
May the thoughts of my mind
and the prayers of my heart
feast on your delight. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson - John 2: 13-22, p. 93, N.T. The word of God for the people of God.

Greg Brookes

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith No. 882 Rev. Ann Akin The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version The United Methodist Hymnal

*Gloria Patri No. 70 The United Methodist Hymnal

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

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

Anthem
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

St. John's Chancel Choir & Spirit Wind arr. Gustav Holst

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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 now vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

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

Communion Stewards: Coleen Sedberry & Wesley Orr

Invitation to the Table Rev. Josh Stueve & Rev. Ann Akin

The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting C, p. 20

Sharing the Bread and Cup Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion Spirit Wind The Communion Hymn Keith & Kristyn Getty

Come to the Feast Charles Wesley & Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer After Communion Rev. Josh Stueve

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. You bless us by your grace and your presence, heal us, and empower us to work with you for the healing of this world. Send us forth, in the name and authority of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 No. 2172 The Faith We Sing We Are Called WE ARE CALLED

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace.

Know the God of peace goes with you.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Many Gifts, One Spirit Spirit Wind Allen Pote



Altar flowers this morning are given by the Albright family in memory of Valerie Reynolds.

Please join St. John's in welcoming the Spirit Wind youth choir as they worship with us this morning!

United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting

UWF will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. John's. Sandy Goodloe will be leading the program on Sharing/Giving/Missions. There will be a potluck lunch so plan to bring a dish to share!



Holy Week Worship Services

Join St. John's as we observe Holy Week, from the heights of Palm Sunday and the depths of Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning! Join us for:

Palm Sunday, 3/24 at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, 3/28 at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, 3/29 at 6:00 p.m.

& Easter Sunday, 3/31 for a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m.
and traditional worship at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Activities

Joylynne Harris is offering family portraits on Easter Sunday from 9:15—10:15 a.m. Sign-up for a quick session at the table in the hallway.

St. John's will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please consider donating pre-filled eggs for this fun activity! Pre-filled eggs can be dropped off at the booth in the hallway.