

**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.

Rev. Josh Stueve  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Ann Akin  
*Associate Pastor*

Clint Barrick  
*Organist*

David Cranford  
*Facilities Manager*

John Dotts  
*Assistant Facilities Manager*

Kyle Collins  
*Director of  
Communications*

Trish Hernandez  
*Director of Childcare Ministries*

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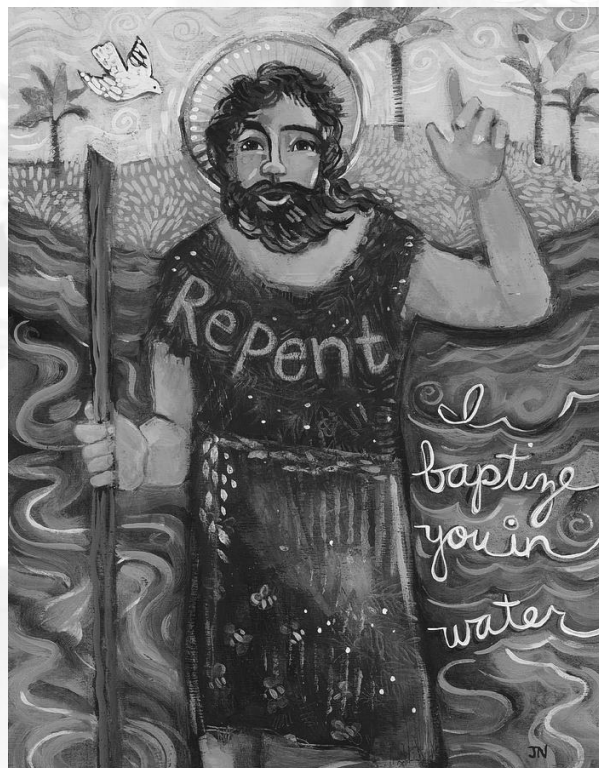
### From the Lectionary

*St. John the Baptist*

Jen Norton

Painfully shy as a child, Jen was unable to communicate with anyone outside her family except through drawing. Visual language was her first language and she never lost her passion for its ability to communicate for her. There was never a day she "decided" to become an artist. For Jen, there was just no other way to be.

Jen works in acrylic, using expressive color, texture and pattern to reveal the sublime in the ordinary. She begins each painting with underlying layers of intense hues and expressive brushwork, which gradually become hidden from view as the painting progresses. These underlying layers are important to the depth of the final work, just as years of spiritual growth are to a well-rounded soul. Jen seeks to develop order and beauty from underlying chaos.



### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound  
Jane Haynes  
Leslie Cox  
Dwight Finckbone  
Dale Wood  
Abby Reimer  
Sandra Oringderff  
The Family of Janet Snively  
The Family of Lucille Sedgwick  
Francine Nizigiyimana  
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Nimo Gessey  
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## WAYS TO GIVE



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# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 14

10:30 a.m.



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

ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick  
Arioso J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

\*Call to Worship Leslie Cranford  
God of peace, even when the world feels troubled.  
**You come among us with healing and grace.**  
God of justice, even when it feels as if the world is torn by hate.  
**You surround us with goodness and mercy.**  
God of grace, we open our hearts to you.  
**Even in the shadow of injustice we worship you with joy.**  
**Give us hearts of courageous mercy; give us the faith of Jesus.**  
**Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 702 The United Methodist Hymnal  
Sing with All the Saints in Glory HYMN TO JOY

Listening Prayer Leslie Cranford  
**The human heart is a rich mystery, full of good and evil.**  
**We bring our hearts to you, God: heal us of our fears, open our eyes to**  
**see ourselves as you see us, renew your Spirit in us, and re-create us**  
**as the image of your love.**  
**We thank you for your love, we ask your blessing, and we open**  
**ourselves to your grace. Amen.**

A Time for Young Disciples Frank Goode  
Hymn No. 2233 The Faith We Sing  
This is Where Children Belong RITCHIE

<b>As the children come forward</b> <i>This, this is where children belong,</i> <i>welcomed as part of the worshiping</i> <i>throng. Water, God's Word, bread</i> <i>and cup, prayer, and song: This is</i> <i>where children belong.</i>	<b>As the children depart</b> <i>This, this is where children belong,</i> <i>welcomed as part of the worshiping</i> <i>throng. Water, God's Word, bread</i> <i>and cup, prayer, and song: This is</i> <i>where children belong.</i>
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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 Allison Matherly, soprano  
Make Me a Channel of your Peace Arr. Mark Hayes

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*Gospel Lesson - Mark 6:14-29, p. 40-41, N.T. Leslie Cranford  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response - Ephesians 1: 3-14, a paraphrase Rev. Ann Akin  
Blessed be God, who birthed real love among us in Christ,  
and in that love has given us the blessings of heaven itself.  
Since before Creation, in this love, God intended  
that we would be holy, loved, and loving,  
God’s own dear children.  
In this love, so generously lavished on us,  
we are redeemed, and all our wrongs are forgiven.  
Stop and wonder at this grace, and give thanks!

May God give you the wisdom and wonder  
to appreciate the mystery of God’s pleasure,  
God’s design for all Creation,  
which is to always be gathering everything,  
seen and unseen, into the body of love.  
When first heard this wonder, that you are part of the world’s salvation,  
when you first opened yourself to this love,  
it poured into you. God’s Spirit changed you.  
Now you yourself are part of God’s promise.  
The Spirit in you is the first bit of God’s redemption of the world.  
That is God’s glory. Doesn’t it make you want to praise God?

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn No. 121 The United Methodist Hymnal  
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy WELLESLEY

\*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. 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. 378 The United Methodist Hymnal  
Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven John Goss (1800-1880)



*Altar flowers this morning are given in celebration  
of VelvetLee Finckbone & Jared Elder's wedding on July 13.*

VBS at St. John’s This Week

Grab your friends, pack your curiosity, and join us for a few days  
of fun and faith-building moments.

Wednesday, July 17 - Friday, July 19  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at 1501 University Ave.

Pool Party at Texas Tech Recreation Center  
on Saturday, July 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register at <https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbs2024>

We Need Your Help!

To help make VBS a success, we need your help  
with anything and everything from meal prep,  
crafts, recreation, and more! A sign-up sheet can be found in  
the hallway.



Game Night Next Week

Bring your favorite games & join St. John's for a Game Night on  
Friday, July 19 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

A head count is needed for the nacho bar from 6:00 - 7:00 so  
please RSVP at the sign-up sheet in the hallway. RSVPs are  
needed no later than Monday, July 15.

See you there!

PFLAG Monthly Meeting

The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will meet at St. John’s on  
Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.