

**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*

Clint Barrick

*Organist*

David Cranford

*Facilities Manager*

John Dotts

*Assistant Facilities Manager*

Rachel Shipley

*Director of Youth Ministries*

Kyle Collins

*Director of*

*Communications*

Trish Hernandez

*Director of Childcare Ministries*



**From the Lectionary**  
*Christ Blessing the Children*  
Lucas Cranach

Lucas Cranach is probably the artist most closely associated with the Protestant Reformation. He was a friend of Martin Luther who lived and taught in Wittenberg under the protection of the Electors of Saxony. Cranach and his shop produced great numbers of portraits of Luther, his wife, and other Reformers, as well as depictions of such "Protestant" themes as Christ Blessing the Children and Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery. The range of subject matter in Cranach's paintings is, in fact, quite wide. In addition to religious works, he produced a variety of mythological and secular subjects, probably intended for humanist or courtly patrons. Cranach was also an excellent portraitist.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Leslie Cox

Dwight Finckbone

Sally Abbe

Pat Cantrell

A Friend of Alan Winner

Abby Reimer

Francine Nizigiyimana

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Nimo Gessey

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## WAYS TO GIVE



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



# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 22

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

*Blessed be the God of Israel*

Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

\*Call to Worship

Rachel Shipley

Abba God, loving father, we are your trusting children.

**Hold us in your love.**

Amma God, loving mother, you give us life.

**Raise us up with courage.**

Living Spirit, Holy One, you breathe into us your beauty and wisdom.

**Send us into this world with your love.**

**We seek you. We fall into your arms. We worship.**

\*Hymn No. 421

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

*Make Me A Captive, Lord*

DIADEMATA

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Act of Praise

Rachel Shipley

*I Like You as You Are*

Josie Carey & Fred Rogers

A Time for Young Disciples

Paul Bjerk

Hymn No. 393

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

As the children come forward & as they depart:

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Ethan Fasnacht, baritone

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Isaac Lowder

\*Gospel Lesson - Mark 9: 30-37, p. 45, N.T.

Rachel Shipley

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Prayer of Response Rachel Shipley  
**God, you welcome the child within us, the tender, the unsure, the still small voice. You welcome the child among us, the vulnerable, the overlooked, the silent. By your grace, help us to attend to your children around us, and to honor the child within us, in the spirit of Christ, who welcomes us as his own children. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

\*Hymn, No. 430 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

\*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

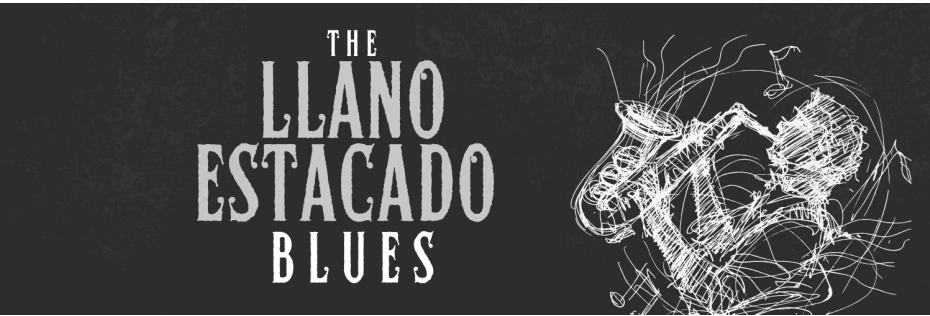
Reception of New Members Rev. Josh Stueve  
**We rejoice to welcome you as members of Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome to St. John's United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

\*Hymn No. 549 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Where Charity and Love Prevail* ST. PETER

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve  
Child of God,  
Blessed are you for you are one of God's unlikely agents.  
May that stop us in our tracks  
Cause us to pay attention  
And see differently  
Blessed are you for you are a beloved child of God.  
What can be greater than that.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Psalms 19* Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)



### St. John's Presents Play in October

Join St. John's on Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. for a special evening featuring a thought-provoking short play centered around the relationship among three women navigating the challenges of life to meet their basic needs. Following the play, stay for a soulful concert of live music.

Proceeds from ticket sales (\$10 per person) will support Family Promise of Lubbock. Ticket information and more can be found at [familypromiselubbock.org/events](http://familypromiselubbock.org/events)

The play will also be presented during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 6.

### Horizon Texas Annual Conference This Weekend

The Central, North, & Northwest Texas Conferences are unifying into the new Horizon Conference this weekend in Abilene, Texas.

### Corporate Sponsorship of LHUCA

Over the summer, expected city grant funds were not distributed to LHUCA. This has led to conflict & hurt in the community. St. John's has been listening closely to the stories of hurt coming from our LGBTQ friends. In an effort to do good, St. John's is now a Corporate Sponsor of LHUCA.

### Sign-Up Table in the Hall

Visit the sign-up table in the hall outside the Sanctuary to learn more about upcoming events including the following:

A Men's breakfast on Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m.

A workday supporting the South Plains Food Bank sponsored by United Women in Faith on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Joining the handbell choir for upcoming rehearsals