

**WE'RE
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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

Clint Barrick

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Rachel Shipley

Director of Youth Ministries

Kyle Collins

Director of

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Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

Washing of the Feet

John August Swanson

"I began working with the image of the washing of feet in 1989 with a mixed media painting.

Fourteen large figures dominate the picture. A miniature scene is at the top of each of the four columns: Jesus and the woman at the well; the gift of wisdom to children, not to the worldly wise; Mary Magdalene washing the feet of Jesus; the story of the Good Samaritan.

The theme of this picture encourages us to show love for all and true humility of spirit. I feel this paschal season ritual transcends particular religious observances and gives us a beautiful guide for our lives. We are called to treat all with respect and to serve in our community in different capacities."

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Leslie Cox

Dwight Finckbone

Sally Abbe

Pat Cantrell

Gary Pate

Matt Chapman

(A Friend of Allison Richard)

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 2024

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
Adagio Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Call to Worship Jeff Watson

Gracious One, you are our life.
You are our source of life, our center, our beauty.
Loving Christ, you are our healing.
You are our courage, our healing, our hope.
Holy Spirit, you are our breath.
You are our compassion, our generosity, our love.
Breathe new life in us, and set us free. Amen.

*Hymn No. 579 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here CAREY'S (SURREY)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Jeff Watson

Loving God, open the windows of our hearts, that the light of your love may flow in. Open our ears, that we may hear your Word. Open our arms, to embrace your way. Open our hands, that we may serve you with strength and joy. Speak to us; we are listening. Amen.

A Time for Young Disciples Paul Bjerk
Hymn No. 405 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Seek Ye First SEEK YE

As the children come forward:

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added
unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!*

As the children depart:

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened
unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!*

Prayers of the People | The 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 Paul Shuey, baritone
The People that Walked in Darkness G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 35-45, p. 47, N.T. Jeff Watson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Ann Akin

Affirmation of Faith Rev. Josh Stueve
We love a God who reigns not with force and manipulation but with the power of love, to lift us up and set us free.

We follow Jesus, God's Anointed, who shared the power of healing and forgiveness. He was crucified by the powers of domination, but he was raised by the power of love.

We live by the grace of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to serve humbly, to bless and not to threaten, to create and not destroy. By that Spirit we seek to serve, to forgive, to heal, and to lift up those who are oppressed. By that Spirit alone, and not by any power of this world, we receive life that is eternal and joy that sustains us always. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING

Baptismal Covenant Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin
Harley Trolinder

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 2130 *The Faith We Sing*
The Summons KELVINGROVE

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Whoever Would Be Great Among You Ron Nelson (1929-2023)

Whoever would be great among you, must become your servant, And whoever would be first among you, must be a slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, And to give his life as a ransom for many.

*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. 415 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Take Up Thy Cross GERMANY

Benediction Rev. Ann Akin

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude Clint Barrick
St. Anthony Chorale Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



Altar flowers this morning are given in celebration of the 17th anniversary of Revs. Ann & Lynn Akin.

Reconciling Speakership Series

St. John's is proud to host pastor and author Colby Martin as he guides us on a journey of exploration to discover that being a Christian and being affirming of LGBTQ people are not mutually exclusive endeavors.



Not an Oxymoron leaves listeners trusting that their instincts to love all people just as they are align perfectly with God's heart for creation.

Colby will speak at St. John's on Saturday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 27 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



SOUP LUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
11:30 A.M.

Potluck Lunch On Reconciling Sunday

On Sunday, October 27 there will be a soup lunch in the Garden Room after the 10:30 a.m. service. You're invited to bring a crockpot of soup, toppings, bread, or a dessert. A signup list is available in the hallway.

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