

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 Organist

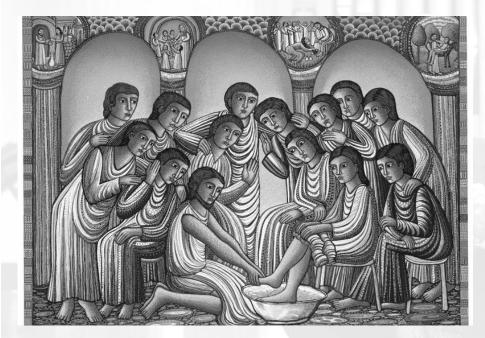
David Cranford Facilities Manager

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

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 quide 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) **Abby Reimer** Francine Nizigiyimana (Welcome Corps Sponsor) Nimo Gessey (Welcome Corps Sponsor)

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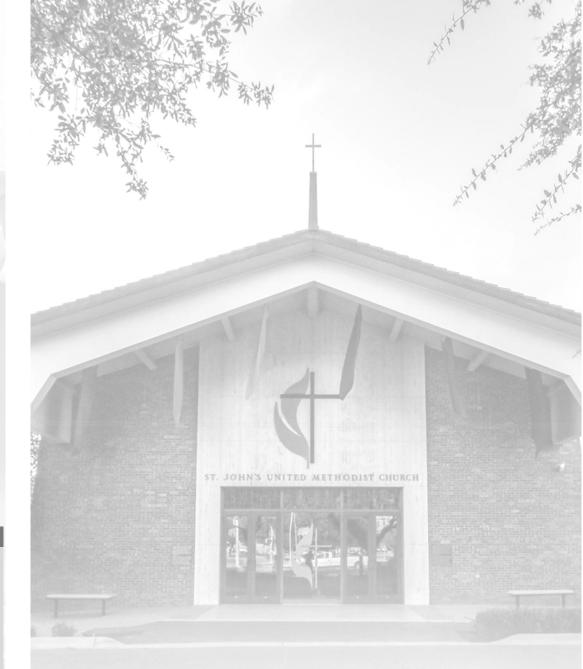


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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 2024 10:30 a.m.



Address: 1501 University Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401 **Phone:** 806-762-0123 **Web:** stjohnslubbock.org Email: openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Adagio

*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.

*Hvmn No. 579

The United Methodist Hymnal CAREY'S (SURREY)

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Praver for Illumination

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 Hymn No. 405 Seek Ye First

Paul Bjerk The United Methodist Hymnal 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 ve shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer God in your graciousness/mercy.

Rev. Josh Stueve

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

The People that Walked in Darkness

Paul Shuey, baritone G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

Jeff Watson

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. 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

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*Hvmn No. 2130 The Summons

Anthem

St. John's Chancel Choir Ron Nelson (1929-2023)

Whoever Would Be Great Among You

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

Clint Barrick

Benediction Rev. Ann Akin

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude 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.