

**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

Rev. Josh Stueve

Senior Pastor

Rev. Ann Akin

Associate Pastor

Clint Barrick

Organist

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Rachel Shipley

Director of Youth Ministries

Kyle Collins

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Trish Hernandez

Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

Life in Community

Donald Jackson & Aidan Hart

The St. John's Abbey Bible is a handwritten and illuminated Bible that has taken a team of scribes and artists more than a decade to complete.

In 1998, St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota, commissioned calligrapher Donald Jackson, senior scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office, to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible, the first of this monumental size to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in more than 500 years.

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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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6

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 Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude Clint Barrick
Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen French Church Melody c. 1300

*Call to Worship Marcy Stueve

Creator of all things, **we praise!**

Of earth and sky, the seas and stars, and all living beings, **we praise!**

Loving Mother and Father of all people, nations and races, **we adore!**

You whose arms hold Koreans and Bolivians, Rawandans and Inuit,

we adore!

For Baptist and Orthodox, Methodist and Moravian,

Congregational and Coptic, **we give thanks!**

With all your Beloved we gather at your table to feast with our siblings in Christ, one in the Body of Christ, one in your love.

We worship, we receive your grace,

and we give of ourselves, for the sake of the world. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 617 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

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 Jeannie Barrick & Gabriella Nord, sopranos
Laudamus Te Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

How lovely are the messengers

that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,

throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Marcy Stueve

**Holy One,
Receive our hearts;
tend our hurts, cherish our gifts,
embrace us in your love.
Feed us your grace.
Show us your way.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading - Galatians 3: 26-29, p. 189, N.T. Marcy Stueve

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.*

Anthem
How Lovely are the Messengers

St. John's Chancel Choir
Felix Mendelssohn

THE LLANO ESTACADO BLUES

The Llano Estacado Blues is a thought-provoking, short play centered around the relationship among three women navigating the challenges of life to meet their basic needs. The play is written by St. John's member, Norman Bert, for World Communion Sunday. We invite you into a time of reflection.

We give thanks for St. John's member, Alan Winner, for sharing his gifts and witness by directing this play. We celebrate the music of Joy Harris and three wonderful Lubbock actresses - Mallory Flores, Danna Djiniyou, and Kinna McInroe.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.

You may make a financial offering in the basket as you come forward.

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 vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten.

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

Communion Stewards: VelvetLee Elder & Michael Jordan

*Hymn No. 620 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Invitation to the Table & to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve
The Great Thanksgiving
Musical Setting E, p. 24
Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars
If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

God, Be in my Head St. John's Choral Scholars
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hymn No. 629 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Prayer After Communion Rev. Josh Stueve

In the love of Christ you make us all one, all who love you, all around the world. Not by our own doing but by your grace, we are one Body. We thank you. Feasting on your one Spirit, fed by your one love, we go as one people, to love and to serve, humbly as children in this world, for the sake of the restoration of our wholeness, to your glory, in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Doxology No. 94 and Presentation of Gifts
**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. 548 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
In Christ There Is No East or West McKEE

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 Clint Barrick
Hornpipe G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hurricane Helene Response

Please consider making a donation to those affected by Hurricane Helene through the UMC's Disaster & Mission Response group & UMCOR.

Learn more from the West North Carolina Conference at:

<https://bit.ly/HurricaneWNCC>

Learn more from Global Ministries at:

<https://bit.ly/GB-UMCOR>

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:

Wednesdays of Wonder which is returning on Wednesday, October 9 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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