

**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

Rachel Shipley

Director of Youth Ministries

Kyle Collins

Director of

Communications

Trish Hernandez

Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

Matthew 6:25-34B

Chris Cook

Chris was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in April of 1962, the second child of four children. Though drawing and painting occupied his childhood, architecture seemed to be the direction in his youth. He took part in a self-study course his senior year, won Artist of the Year, and subsequently was awarded a scholarship to study art at Reinhardt College in north Georgia. There he won Outstanding Freshman Artist of the Year. He switched his major to commercial art and began a love for illustration.

"In my quest to constantly improve my craft, creating a vision and interpretation of life as I move through it - I shed my skin and allow myself to wander and wonder. I never rest on my laurels - I explore, turning my back on both successes and failures, to move on, unburdened by, but certainly learning and building on my past work".

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Myrna Shuey

Jowannah Ellis

Leslie Cox

Dwight Finckbone

Gary Pate

Abby Reimer

Barbara Pedroza

(The Sister of Beatrice Pedroza)

Marnette Winner

(The Mother of Alan Winner)

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Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude	Clint Barrick
<i>Prelude in E minor, "Cathedral"</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship

Our community is here.

We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.

Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of service to others.

In Christ's Name, we pray.

Amen.

*Hymn No. 97
For the Fruits of This Creation

The United Methodist Hymnal
EAST ACKLAM

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Litany for Thanksgiving based on Psalm 100

Leilani Fillhard

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
We give thanks for this good earth, your gift to us and our home,
and we pray for wisdom and gentleness to care for your creation, O God.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**
We gather with grateful hearts, remembering your mercy and strength,
your justice and your compassion, your goodness and your grace.

Know the Lord is God.
In humility we pray for the entire human family,
remembering those in need, and all who are alone, dishonored or
excluded.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Move us through thanksgiving and praise to action.
Use us to heal wherever there is violence and harm.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.
May we embrace your just purpose, O God, and offer ourselves in
prophetic witness.

For the Lord is good;
We pray for your goodness to flow outward, flooding this world with love.

God's steadfast love endures forever,
We pray for your loving purpose in every life
this day and into the days to come.

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

A Time for Young Disciples	VelvetLee Elder
Hymn No. 141	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i>
<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

<p>As the children come forward: <i>Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.</i></p>	<p>As the children depart: <i>God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.</i></p>
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As the children depart:
*God his own doth tend and nourish;
 in his holy courts they flourish;
 from all evil things he spares them;
 in his mighty arms he bears them.*

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer
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 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 power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Act of Praise	Rob Scoggins, tenor; Larry Howard, guitar
<i>Fall on Me</i>	Rick Muchow

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 6: 25-34, p. 6, N.T. Leilani Fillhard
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response
A Thanksgiving Blessing
When You Don't Feel Terribly Thankful

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 694
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The United Methodist Hymnal
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Anthem
Let All Things Now Living

St. John's Chancel Choir
Katherine Davis (1892-1980)

*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 of Faith, No. 92
For the Beauty of the Earth

The United Methodist Hymnal
DIX

Benediction

For all that has been - **thanks.**

For all that is to be - **yes.**

Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude	Clint Barrick
<i>Fugue in E minor, "Cathedral"</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Charge Conference

A joint Charge Conference for the Lubbock area UMC churches of the Horizon Texas Conference will be held on Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Lubbock.

PFLAG Meeting This Week

The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will meet at St. John's on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.

LGBTQ+ Legal Information Session

The Human Rights Campaign-Texas, Lambda Legal, and attorney and educator Derek Mergele-Rust are collaborating to support LGBTQ+ individuals in navigating key legal protections. This informative session will guide participants through practical steps to safeguard their rights and well-being in the months ahead.

This group will meet Wednesday, November 20 from 12:00—1:00 p.m.
in the Conference Room at St. John's.



United Women in Faith Bake Sale

Consider donating a few baked goods and plan to purchase even more at the annual United Women in Faith Bake Sale on Sunday, November 24.

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