

**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

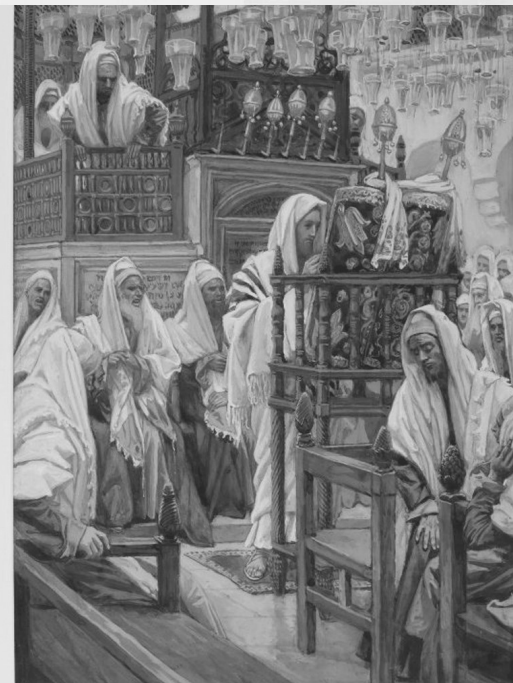
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From the Lectionary *Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue* James Tissot

"...when his (Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels.



The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886-87, and again in 1890.

While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining "aura" in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus." [from Terry Glaspey's "75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know"]

Please Remember in Prayer:

- St. John's Homebound
- Jane Haynes
- Myrna Shuey
- Dwight Finckbone
- Gary Pate
- Abby Reimer
- The family of Pat Cantrell
- Julie Shirey
- Pat Fuller
- Roy Goodloe

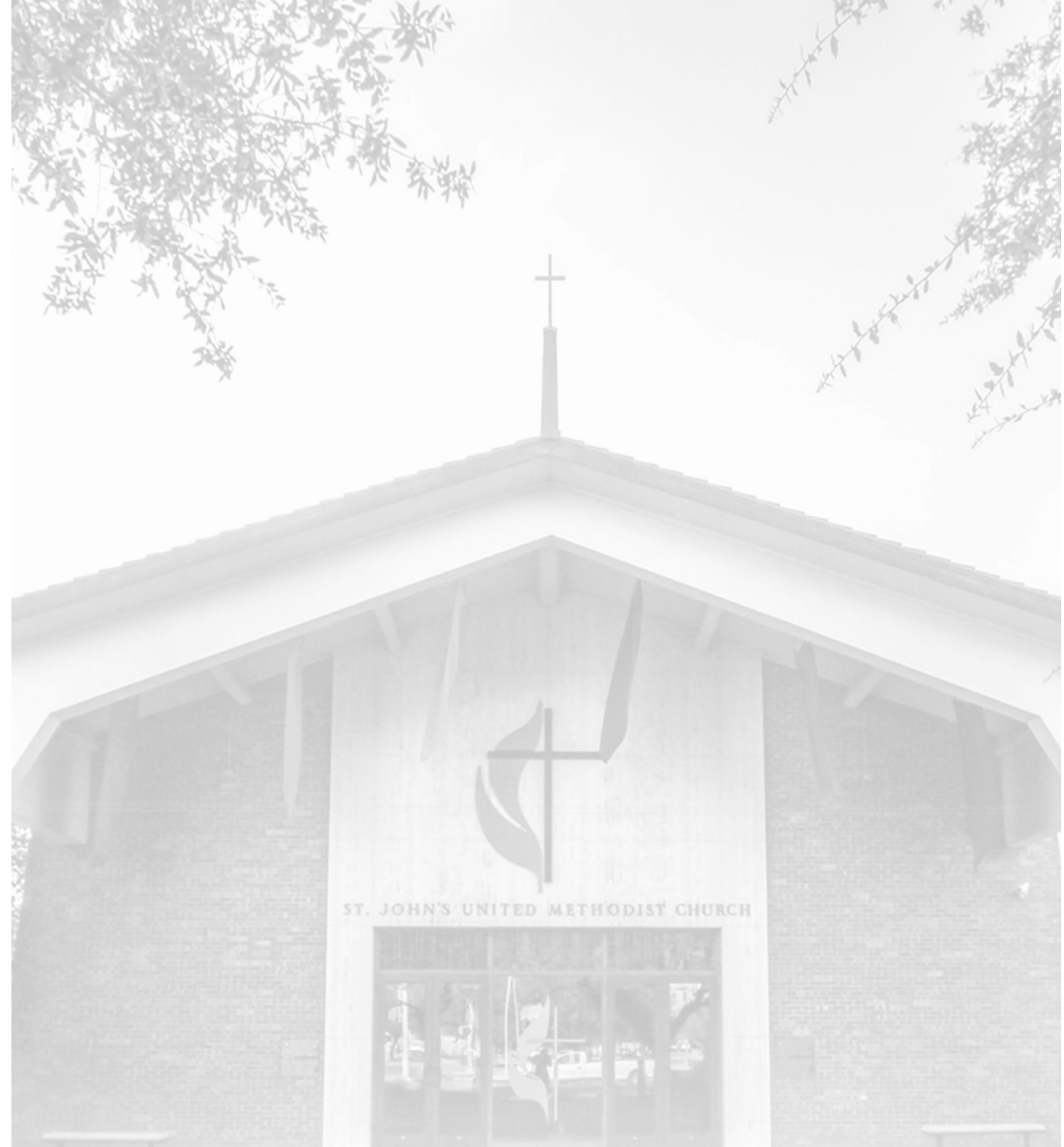
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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Address: 1501 University Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401
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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
Prayer (Gothic Suite) Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

*Call to Worship Mary Saathoff

God, you created the world whole.

But fractures and divisions abound.

Still, your grace remains.

Even now you are healing what is wounded.

We come to give you thanks.

**We come to give you our hearts and our hands,
that we may join you in the mending of the world.**

We worship in gratitude, in confidence, in joy!

*Hymn No. 57 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Johnny Nelson
Hymn No. 611 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise STUTTGART

As the children arrive:

1. *Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

As the children depart:

2. *Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.*

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
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, piano
Fantasy on Ode to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Danny Calhoun

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 4: 16-21, p. 61, N.T. Mary Saathoff
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response (Insert)
The United Methodist Social Creed

Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 332 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Spirit of Faith, Come Down BEALOTH

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey, arr. Helvey

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:*

*Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:*

Refrain

*When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river, I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:*

*Refrain
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

Refrain

*When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,*

*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. 157 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
Open our hearts to all of our neighbors and help us to love them as you love them, working to bring in the good news of the reign of God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Prelude in C major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Charles & Gwen Cate
in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.*

Choral Scholar Fund

Consider making a donation to the Choral Scholar fund at St. John's this semester. We currently have 8 singers who receive scholarships through this program.



Chili Cook-Off Coming Soon

Celebrate 2025 and join the FUN Committee for a Chili Lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 26! Sign-ups are in the hallway to bring a pot of chili, savory toppings, or your favorite dessert.

Altar Flower Sign-Up Now Available

The 2025 altar flower calendar is posted in the church office on the bulletin board. You can also sign up by sending your name, arrangement requests, and honoraria information to openminds@stjohnslubbock.org. Be sure to sign up early to request the dates you wish.

Don't Miss Dinner for 8

Enjoy good conversation and wonderful company around the dining table with new and old friends. "Dinner for 8" is a unique opportunity to share in a delicious meal provided by the 8 participants. Each month from February to April, couples and /or individuals will enjoy a new group of eight for an opportunity to commune and fellowship with other wonderful St Johners. Sign-up sheets are 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.*