

**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

Organist

Tim Algate

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David Cranford

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From the Lectionary

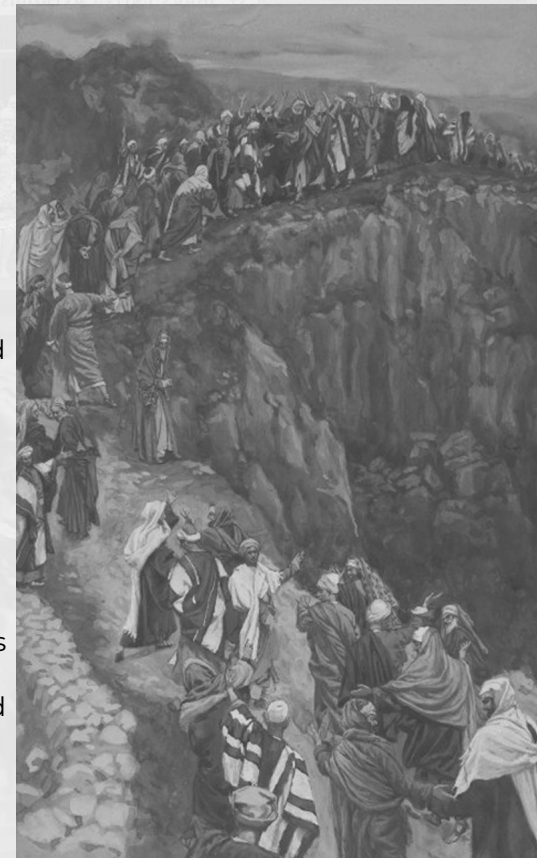
Brow of the Hill

Near Nazareth

James Tissot

James Tissot was enjoying a successful career painting European high society when he experienced a religious rebirth — a life-changing epiphany that prompted Tissot to turn his talents from the fashions of the world and focus on what matters most: his relationship with Christ.

He would spend years creating meticulous watercolors capturing sacred moments from the Savior's mortal ministry as recorded in the Gospels of the New Testament. Between 1886 and 1896, Tissot painted some 350 scenes, spanning, in chronological settings, from the annunciation to Mary to the birth, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Myrna Shuey

Dwight Finckbone

Glenna Keesee

Gary Pate

The family of Pat Cantrell

Julie Shirey

Roy Goodloe

The family of Alice Jo Jackson

(The mother of Sally Jo Jackson)

Jack Glaze

(The cousin of Pam Cook)

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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 2, 2025

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
Prelude in E minor J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 71) Dylan Blackwell
In you, O lord, we seek shelter.

In your love, hear us and receive us.

Be a rock to us, a strong, safe place, for you are our hope.

**Rescue us from the power of selfishness,
the grasp of injustice and cruelty.**

For you are our life, our way of being, our hope, our light.

**Alleluia! God of the forgotten and the outcast,
you receive us. Transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

*Hymn No. 578 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
God of Love and God of Power UNSER HERRSCHER

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
God, in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayer.

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, soprano
Consider the Lilies Roger Hoffman

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Dylan Blackwell
God, I confess: I don't always want to hear your word unless it favors me. Give me courage to listen and receive so that your Word may speak to me.

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 4: 22-30, p. 61, N.T. Dylan Blackwell
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

*Affirmation of Faith No. 882 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 70 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Gloria Patri MEINEKE

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Prophet's Song Jane Marshall

*To sing when fleeting breath and truant hope forbid,
to stand when gusts of fear at cyclone strength prevail,
to act, to act when blanket heavy apathy surrounds,
to roar, to roar when falsehood, when falsehood
clothed in silence, clothed in silence overwhelms;
this then is faith:
'the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen,'
and in God's good grace to sing, to stand, to act, to roar.
We are called to live this faith.*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.

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: Greg & Stacey Carley

Invitation to the Table Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting D, p. 23
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars
When Rooks Fly Homeward Arthur Baynon

Hymn No. 2268 *The Faith We Sing*
As We Gather at Your Table RAQUEL

Hymn No. 2269 *The Faith We Sing*
Come, Share the Lord DIVERNON

Prayer after Communion Rev. Ann Akin
Gracious God, You come to us in humble bread, and feed us with unexpected grace. Send us into the world, to serve among those who are overlooked and rejected, to meet you among those who are not loved, to receive your grace from those who are outcast. Lead us by your Spirit, in the name of Christ, to bring good news to the poor. Amen.

*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. 568 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ For The World We Sing ITALIAN HYMN

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your* love, changes everything.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Grand Chorus Pierre Du Mage (1674-1751)

Small Group Study

You're invited to join a 10-week DISCIPLE Bible study group "Invitation to Psalms". An initial meeting will be at St. John's on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. The official study will begin on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Sign up sheets are located in the hallway. Contact Rev. Archie Echols (806-368-6763) for more information.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. John's. All women of the church are invited to join.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's. All men of the church are invited to join.

Birthday Celebration

We're throwing a birthday party for everyone in the church on Sunday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a baked potato bar with all the toppings, salad, bread and cake/cupcakes.

RSVP's are required so please let us know you're coming by Tuesday, February 18. 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.*